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Head-first fountain plunge kills man

ACCIDENT A 30-year-old man is dead after diving into a public fountain in downtown Toronto early yesterday morning.

"We don't know why he went into the water," said Staff Sgt. John Spanton. "He wasn't swimming in it, he was just seen diving in head first."

Witnesses who were in Berczy Park, which is between Front and Wellington streets near Scott Street, saw the partially disrobed man jump into the fountain around midnight.

They called police immediately, though emergency crews arrived to find the man floating face-down in the water without vital signs.

Despite not knowing what motivated him, police have declared this a "death by misadventure" and do not suspect foul play. An autopsy is scheduled to see what may have prompted the man to take the deadly plunge.

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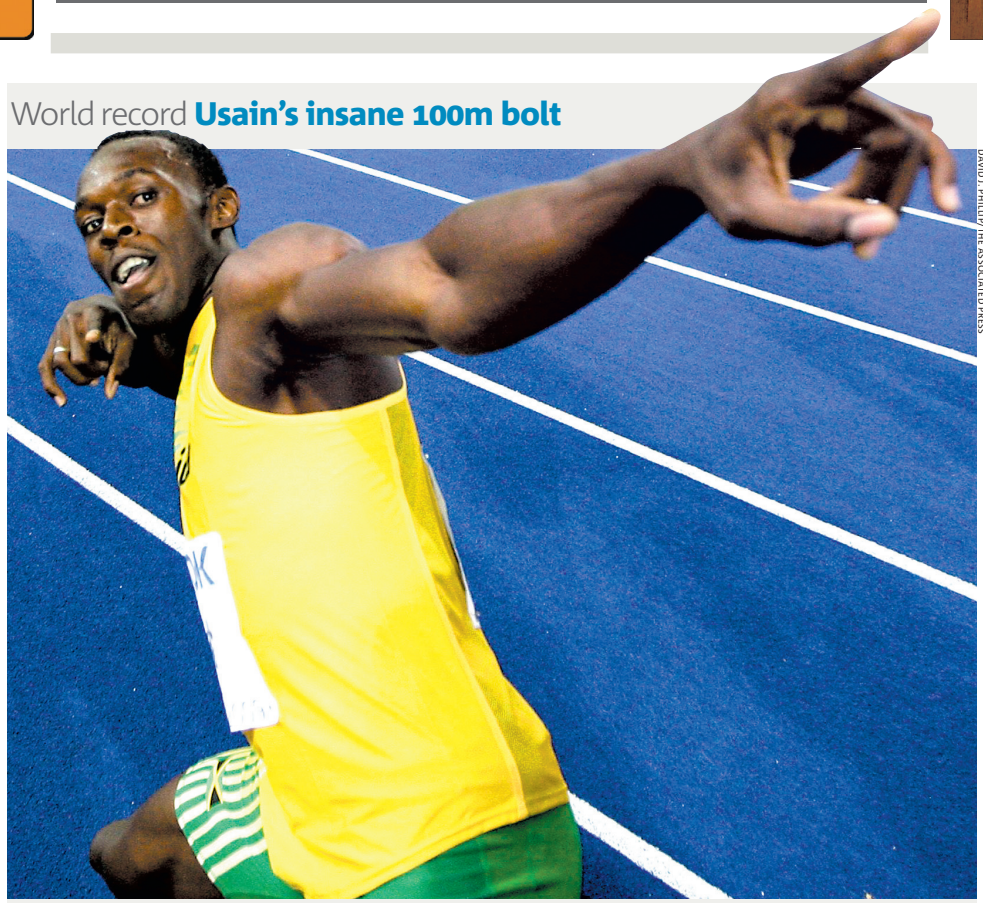
World record **Usain's insane 100m bolt**



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Jamaica's Usain Bolt celebrates setting a new 100-metre World Record after the final of the Men's 100m during the World Athletics Championships in Berlin yesterday. More coverage, page 19.

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Fall cash crunch

Scholarship services see demand rise as student jobless rate soars

With summer jobs in short supply, many university and college students now face the prospect of trying to get through the school year on less money or looking for other sources of cash.

So it may not be surprising that along with the spike in the jobless rate, there's been a corresponding rise in traffic to websites offering information on scholarships and bursaries.

At Studentawards.com, a free scholarship search service, the cumulative increase in registration was 15 per cent in July compared to last year, said Suzanne Tyson, president of Studentawards Inc., the company behind the website.

The student unemployment rate was 20.9 per cent in July, according to Statistics Canada.

Matt Scriven is one of the lucky ones.

The 19-year-old was able to find work this summer, but says one of his friends in Vancouver handed out between 30 and 40 resumes and received one or two calls — and didn't get a job.

Another friend in Ottawa handed out 20 or 30 resumes, and got a job that gave him five to 10 hours a week — not really enough to help with his expenses in the coming school year, he said.

Scriven found his own eventual job as web designer for the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association through a listing at Studentopolis.ca — the student jobs website he founded.

"The great thing about scholarships is that it's full of niche awards," he said. "There are a lot of high-profile awards, but there are many more niche awards, and those niche awards sometimes can make a big difference, especially if you get two or three of them."

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Ryerson giving $800K to bursaries

- Ryerson University made the decision to allocate $800,000 in its 2009-10 budget to ensure money for students on bursaries would continue to flow. Ryerson president Sheldon Levy said a proposal is being taken to the school's board to further increase bursaries by $500,000.

Quebec planning gay rights legislation

DISCRIMINATION Revellers at Montreal's gay pride parade had one more reason to celebrate yesterday: Quebec's wide-ranging action plan against homophobia, years in the making, is expected to be tabled this fall.

"It's a big step," said Jasmin Roy, spokesman for Montreal Pride.

He said the gay and lesbian community expects the new legislation will lead to "enormous" results in the fight against discrimination.

"That's why we're marching: to say that finally, this year, Quebec will have a policy against homophobia."

Roy said that despite the fact giant strides have been made in the acceptance of gays and lesbians in the past few decades, many challenges remain.

"We still have to work to apply the law," Roy said.

The action plan uses as its framework the recommendations put forward by the Quebec human rights commission's 2007 report into homophobia in the province.

The plan comes on the heels of an announcement in May that the Quebec government is spending half a million dollars on an education campaign meant to improve the lives of gay, lesbian and transgendered seniors, a project overseen by the minister responsible for seniors, Marguerite Blais.

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History

- It's 40 years this month that homosexuality was decriminalized in Canada and opposition critics charge that no significant measures to fight homophobia have been adopted in Quebec.
- The opposition has asked for a gay rights cabinet position to be created.

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Cab driver robbed after fare dropoff in Cabbagetown, police say
Two passengers allegedly instructed the driver to drop them off in the Aberdeen Avenue and Ontario Street area, near Parliament Street and Gerrard Street East, at about 11 p.m. Saturday. As the cab driver reached for change, one of the suspects assaulted the driver and grabbed his cash, police said. The victim was not seriously injured. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Former eHealth chair stepping down

Alan Hudson, the former chair of eHealth and a key expert on wait times for the Liberal government, is stepping down from the scandal-plagued agency. The government said Hudson had retired from his position as the executive lead of access to services and wait times, a key job in the province's plan to lower wait times. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Detained woman returns sick

Suaad Hagi Mohamud undergoes tests for persistent cough: Lawyer

Suaad Hagi Mohamud underwent hospital tests yesterday for an illness nagging her since an unjust stint in a Kenyan jail.

"She's really sick," her lawyer Raoul Boulakia said of the woman who arrived home to a hero's welcome Saturday after spending three months trying to prove her identity to Canadian authorities in Africa and Ottawa.

Mohamud has been losing weight and suffering respiratory problems since her eight-day incarceration June 3-11 at Nairobi's Langata Women's Prison, Boulakia said.

Chest X-rays ruled out tuberculosis and if she had pneumonia at some point during her extreme bureaucratic ordeal she no longer does, the lawyer said.

"She has a persistent cough which remains undiagnosed," he said. "She had fevers in Kenya, so she will also be tested for malaria. She currently suffers from loss of appetite."

Doctors were also exploring whether she might have caught some kind of infectious tropical disease, Boulakia said, which might be difficult to diagnose and treat. More tests are to be conducted today.

Kenya's jails are notoriously unhealthy. "Hundreds of prisoners died annually from infectious diseases spread by overcrowding, unhygienic conditions and inadequate medical treatment," says a 2007 Legal Resource Foundation report on Kenyan prisons, quoted last year in a U.S. Department of State paper.

At the Canadian high commission in Nairobi, her lawyer said, consular officers knew Mohamud was sick. They saw her repeatedly for such procedures as fingerprinting, DNA testing and various other formalities.

Asked about a possible lawsuit against Canada, Boulakia said his priority now is Mohamud's health. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Canadian citizen Suaad Hagi Mohamud returns to the arms of her son Mohamed Hussein after she was detained in Nairobi for three months. Mohamud underwent hospital tests yesterday.

Canadian government now probing Mohamud's case

• The federal government has started a review into its handling of the case of a Toronto woman detained in Kenya for months. Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan says the Canadian Border Services Agency is preparing a report on exactly what unfolded in Suaad Hagi Mohamud's case. Mohamud returned to Canada this weekend after being marooned in Kenya for nearly three months. Van Loan says he is glad Mohamud is back home but will wait for the results of the agency's report before deciding whether to award her any compensation for her ordeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GTA students 100% club members

ACADEMICS High achievers, for sure. But among the top graduating high school students in Greater Toronto, three are actually perfect — their Grade 12 average sitting at 100 per cent.

Jana Cmorejova

That's no easy feat. But on top of that, all say they still find time to play sports or take music lessons, volunteer or have part-time jobs.

In short, they have a life.

Dhruv Nayyar

The 100 per cent scholars in Greater Toronto are Jana Cmorejova of Etobicoke's Bishop Allen Academy, Dhruv Nayyar of Brampton's Turner Fenton high school and Simon Babakhani of Glenforest secondary in Mississauga.

Simon Babakhani

Averages are based on their top six courses. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

INJURED The father of a five-year-old struck by lightning Wednesday said there had been no change in his son's condition and that it was too soon to know what the boy's injuries are. "I'm taking it day by day," Oral Caines said. He said his son hasn't spoken yet, but that he has opened his eyes. He emphasized he couldn't comment on his son's prognosis until he knows more, but said he feels he is doing better.

SHOOTING Police are re-tracing the steps of a shooting victim who was taken to hospital by friends after being shot at a Willowdale park last night. The 22-year-old man was shot in the chest at Wedgewood Park near Yonge St. and Cummer Ave. around around 8:30 p.m. Witnesses told police the gunman, about 25 and armed with a black handgun, fled the park in a white-coloured SUV. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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427 take down like 'on TV'

OPP officers arrested two men at gunpoint on Highway 427 last night. Around 8:30 p.m., five OPP cruisers pulled over a black Hummer SUV just north of The Queensway. An onlooker said it was "like I'm watching something I've only seen on TV," as several officers pulled handguns and rifles and pointed them at the SUV. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tattoos speak of life marked by tragedy

Woman, 21, copes with grief of losing 3 loved ones by inking memorials to those lost

Three times in three years has tragedy touched Nicole Fetterly.

Her younger sister was killed by an ex-boyfriend in 2007. Her uncle was killed by a Toronto police officer in 2008. Then last week, her live-in boyfriend was shot dead in their apartment, accidentally, while Fetterly listened to music in the neighbouring room.

At just 21 years old, hers is a life that has become about death. She dreams of going back to school, but it has been one thing after another.

"I ask myself every day: 'How do I keep breathing?'" she says on a recent afternoon. "I don't really know how I feel about heaven or hell — sometimes I just get so mad — but I believe in somewhere. There has to be something. I just don't know why I keep losing the people who are the most close to me."

Fetterly has an appointment at Glass Head tattoo shop on Yonge Street. She's early, so she buys a pop at a pizza shop to kill time.

"When Chantele died, I had these angel wings done," she says pulling the neck of her pink top down.

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At just 21 years old, Nicole Fetterly life's has become about death. Her younger sister was killed in 2007. Her uncle was killed by a Toronto police officer in 2008. Then last week, her live-in boyfriend was shot dead in their apartment,

"For Bubz, I want to get something with hearts around it on the other side." Bubz, as everyone called him, was Fetterly's boyfriend, 17-year-old Patrick John Smith, Toronto's 34th homicide of the year.

It was the first Tuesday in August at around 10:30 p.m. Smith was hanging out in the living room with his best friend. Fetterly was listening to music in the bedroom.

"I had the music turned up, so I didn't really notice what it was at first, but there was this loud — pop!" she says. "I went out into the living room and Bubz was just slouched over on the couch moaning." The friend was in shock, she says. "He just kept saying: 'Oh my god. Oh my god. I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry.'"

Fetterly screamed to call a cab. "I kept thinking of the night Chantele was killed," she says. "The ambulance took like an hour. I thought it would be faster to just take a cab." The friend threw Smith over his shoulder and they headed to the front of her St. Lawrence Market area building. Within a few minutes, they were headed to St. Michael's Hospital.

"I'm pretty sure he died on the way," she says trailing off.

Quincy Callaghan-Thomas, 18, of Toronto, has been charged with manslaughter. Det. Doug Sansom says he believes that, however careless, the shot was an accident.

Fetterly thought she and Smith would be together forever. They got together a month after Chantele was killed.

It's 3:30 p.m. and the tattoo artist is free. He shows her a design of gothic lettering and blood red hearts. Her eyes brim with tears. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cops focus on stemming gun violence in Rexdale

SHOOTING A man in his 30s was shot dead in an apparent drive-by shooting in Rexdale yesterday. The slaying, in broad daylight, is the area's third in the last month.

Police at the scene outside a townhouse complex on Mount Olive and Silverstone drives, near Kipling Avenue and Finch Avenue West, said they will be "focusing efforts in the area" to help stem the violence.

At 2 p.m., the victim was shot in the abdomen and was taken to Sunnybrook hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Det. Doug Sansom said the victim was "marginally" known to police and does not live in the area. Police did not release the name of the victim yesterday.

Police at the scene earlier said the victim was visiting someone in the area when he was gunned down just steps from his car, a gold-coloured Honda Accord.

Toronto Police Insp. Doug Quan said "it's too early to tell" if this murder is connected to last week's slaying of Tevane Sean Lennon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto courts convention crowds

TOURISM It may not be the biggest convention Toronto has ever seen, but it has the potential to give the city one hefty financial kick.

As more than 4,300 delegates converge for the annual meeting of the American Society of Association Executives — what organizers call the "Super Bowl of conventions" — the tourism industry is hoping to put Toronto on the map as an international convention destination.

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gene Batiste of Washington DC is one of more than 4,300 delegates converging in Toronto for the annual meeting of the American Society of Association Executives.

The idea is simple: If we can convince executives visiting this weekend that Toronto is the place to be for their own organizations' conventions, that could mean hundreds of millions of dollars for the city's economy.

In 2008 alone, conventions and trade shows, along with associated hospitality, shopping and sightseeing, brought in more than $500 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

MUSIC Until Sept. 6, Mount Pleasant Cemetery is hosting free classical concerts every Sunday, featuring young talents from the Royal Conservatory of Music. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Calls to return Khadr grow

RULING It's time for the Feds to seek the return of Omar Khadr from a U.S. military prison now an appeals court has upheld an order to bring him home, say supporters and opposition MPs.

In a 2-1 judgment Friday, the Federal Court of Appeal dismissed a challenge by the government.

Dennis Edney, one of Khadr's lawyers, said the courts have spoken clearly: "It's time for this Canadian government to follow the rule of law." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man with unusual devices charged after aircraft diverted to N.L.

An American Airlines flight travelling to Boston from Paris was diverted to Newfoundland on Saturday after a passenger was spotted trying to attach an electronic gadget and a "putty-type device" to the wall of the aircraft. The man was arrested and charged with mischief under the Aeronautics Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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500 NHLers going carbon neutral

The Boston Bruins' Andrew Ference, left, announced at the New Democratic Party national convention in Halifax that the NHL Players Association is running a carbon-neutral challenge. About 500 players have chosen to pay offsets to the carbon they produce. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No time for name change

Delegates held up NDP convention to prevent talks: Insider

NDP Leader Jack Layton was left to deal with questions surrounding his party's direction yesterday as New Democrats headed home from a weekend convention without debating one of the more contentious issues on the agenda.

A resolution to hold consultations on potentially renaming the party the Democratic Party was expected to be voted on yesterday morning, the final day of the convention, but there wasn't enough time.

When asked about the name change resolution, Layton said delegates decided there were more pressing issues to discuss, including the economy.

But a party insider said it appeared some delegates purposely held up proceedings by asking questions about the wording of other resolutions and other minor issues.

The divisive proposal was to be the sixth resolution introduced during a one-hour slot yesterday, but most of the hour was spent on the first resolution, which dealt with party governance.

Delegate Hijal De Sarkar said there was a deliberate attempt to delay discussion as delegates formed long lines behind a pair of microphones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NDP Leader Jack Layton waves to party faithful following his keynote speech to conclude the New Democratic Party National Convention in Halifax yesterday.

Increased HST costs should be made known, Dexter says

TAX As Canada's rookie premier, Nova Scotia's Darrell Dexter is reluctant to give advice to his counterparts in other provinces.

But he has one suggestion for premiers who are contemplating harmonizing their sales taxes with the federal GST, or who have already done so.

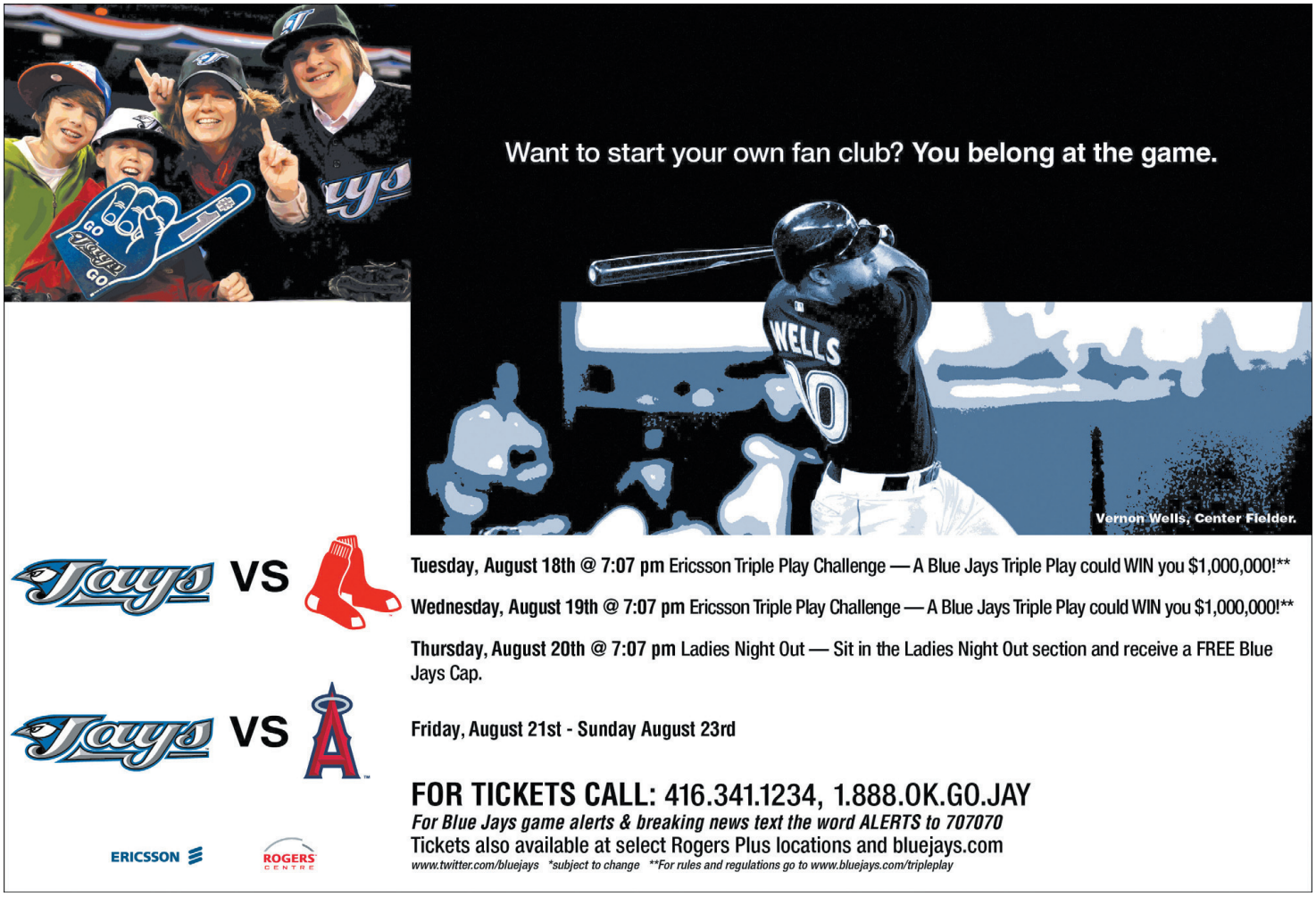
"I think it's really important that citizens of provinces have a clear indication of just what that tax is going to look like, what goods and services are going to be affected," Dexter said in an interview.

"I think it's really important that citizens ... have a clear indication of just what that tax is going to look like."
Premier Darrell Dexter

Although he was elected as an opposition legislature member one year after Nova Scotia harmonized its sales tax in 1997, Dexter has seen the HST stir up voter anger for more than a decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MANITOBA The massive spring flood in Manitoba that transformed the Red River into a lake has also taken a toll on the "prairie ocean" known as Lake Winnipeg. Experts say flood waters that emptied from the river into the massive lake caused phosphorus and nitrogen levels to spike, fuelling the growth of toxic algae blooms. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Car accident claims two lives in Orangeville
Two people are dead and a third is in hospital with serious injuries after a two-vehicle collision north of Orangeville. Provincial police say just before 7 p.m. Friday, a southbound pickup on County Road 11 collided with a northbound convertible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-child soldier allowed to stay

REFUGEE The federal government has stayed the deportation of a Burmese refugee who fled his country because he was forced into the military when he was a child.

The Canadian Friends of Burma says Nay Myo Hein was supposed to be deported to his homeland, also known as Myanmar, on Tuesday after his application to the federal Immigration and Refugee Board for refugee status was rejected.

But the group says Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan intervened and have agreed to let the 25-year-old Saskatoon resident stay in Canada on humanitarian grounds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MEMORIAL A memorial was unveiled in Ottawa on Saturday to honour the nearly 2,000 soldiers who fought to defend Hong Kong during the Second World War. Almost 300 Canadians died in the fighting and another 300 later died in captivity.

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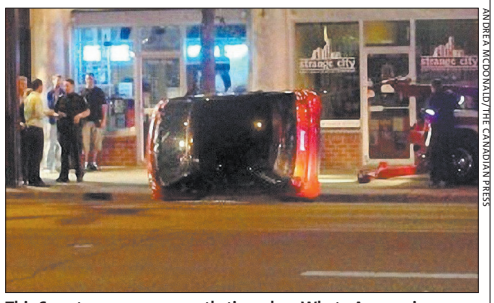
Cow tipping for a new generation?

Web abuzz about overturned Smart cars

Owners of pint-sized Smart cars aren't laughing about reports that vandals may be targeting the tiny vehicles in a 21st-century take on tipping cows over.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This Smart car was apparently tipped on Whyte Avenue in Edmonton, on Tuesday. Kevin Spaans wonders who would be dumb enough to overturn his Smart car.

The Internet and blogosphere are abuzz with media reports that pranksters may have pushed several of the tiny vehicles into canals in Amsterdam.

And now a man in his 40s is charged with mischief for allegedly tipping a Smart car onto its side along Edmonton's Whyte Avenue, a trendy bar-and-boutique strip that sometimes attracts rowdy drinkers.

Windows, exterior mirrors and panelling on the car were damaged, and despite the outrage of owner Kevin Spaans, amused bystanders posed with the flipped car and snapped photos with their cellphone cameras.

Police are seeking other suspects, but one official said it appears to have been an isolated occurrence.

Ken Lust, sales manager at David Morris Fine Cars, which sells the popular car, says goofing around with it isn't a harmless prank but rather a brazen act of property damage.

Lust has himself been a victim. Three years ago, he went outside one morning on a property he owns northeast of Edmonton to find that somebody had tipped his Smart car over during the night.

"The first reaction is shock and disbelief. The second reaction is anger because your car has been vandalized. It's the same feeling, I guess, if you walked out and saw your paint all scratched up or your windows smashed in," he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouverites can ride transit to airport

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

CANADA LINE Big crowds are expected along the newly finished Canada Line today for the opening of the $2-billion rapid-transit project that connects Vancouver and Richmond, B.C. with Vancouver International Airport.

The 19-kilometre Canada Line, which starts service three-and-a-half months ahead of schedule, allows passengers to travel from Vancouver to Richmond in 25 minutes. It has the people moving capacity of a 10-lane highway and makes Vancouver the only major Canadian city with a rapid-transit link to its airport.

TransLink spokesman Ken Hardie called the new line an "amazing facility" and one that has been on the region's rapid-transit wish list for years.

"We expect a lot of people to start using the Canada Line who haven't used transit in the past," Hardie said.

The line will carry 100,000 riders a day by next year, he added.

Elephant needs new home: Group

ZOO Zoocheck Canada is launching a billboard campaign to try to get Lucy the elephant moved from the Edmonton Valley Zoo to an elephant sanctuary.

The ads bear the messages "Your tax dollars pay for her suffering" and "Isolation and a bitter cold winter on the way. Hasn't she endured enough?" and will appear on Edmonton billboards and bus shelters next week

The animal rights group says Lucy needs more space and should be around other elephants for companionship. She has been the only elephant at the Edmonton Valley Zoo since 2007.

However, zoo officials say Lucy will remain in Edmonton and they maintain her health is their number one priority.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Masked man wanted in Moncton

RCMP in Moncton, N.B., are looking for a man who, while armed and disguised, approached a convenience store. The store staffer saw him coming and called police while refusing to buzz the suspect in. He fled before officers arrived. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper heads to Arctic for annual trip

Prime Minister Stephen Harper heads north today for his annual Arctic pilgrimage, a trip that comes as Canada and Denmark begin exploring closer military co-operation in the barren region.

He'll visit Iqaluit, Yellowknife, Whitehorse and other communities, but the highlight is the boarding of the frigate HMCS Toronto and the submarine HMCS Corner Brook during an anti-submarine warfare exercise.

It's a demonstration of Canada's sovereignty in the warming archipelago where Russian and American subs have long prowled.

Stephen Harper

Canada and Denmark have quarrelled over control of Hans Island, but they quietly began forging closer military links recently — an evolving process that underlines a growing dependency as each tries to stake their claim in the potentially mineral-rich North.

A Royal Danish Air Force Challenger jet visited several gravel airstrips at remote Canadian high Arctic outposts last month. They went largely under the public radar, but were — according to a Danish press release — part of "preparations for further co-operation with Canada."

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Demonstrators drop pants in protest

MOONING A group of demonstrators descended on Sarnia, Ont., Saturday to drop their pants and moon the sky to protest a U.S. surveillance balloon that was hovering nearby recently.

Organizers said between 200 and 300 people took part in the mooning protest, although a local Sarnia radio station put the number closer to 100.

"Everyone lined up and held it for a couple of seconds, pulled up, and that was that," said one organizer, who would only identify himself as Eli.

The balloon, which is shaped like an airplane wing, had until recently been hovering just over Port Huron, Mich., just across the border.

It carries a $1-million camera that U.S. officials say is sensitive enough to read the name of a ship from about 14 kilometres away.

The balloon has been grounded since last weekend, when its fabric suffered a gash during a major thunderstorm.

Sierra Nevada Corp., which owns the balloon, is testing technology that could eventually be used by U.S. Homeland Security.

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Missing pilot believed dead

B.C. FOREST FIRES Mounties in British Columbia say a helicopter pilot who was helping fight one of the province's many forest fires when he crashed into a river is believed to have died.

The RCMP says the helmet belonging to Robert Woodhead, 53, has been recovered from the Fraser River, but there's still no sign of the pilot.

Woodhead, a resident of Stoney Creek, Ont., was contracted to work on the 12-square-kilometre Intlpam fire that was first discovered at the end of July.

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News in brief

IDENTITY Chatham-Kent police have identified the body of a man discovered in Lake Erie on Wednesday morning. The body of 42-year-old Stephan Laengerer of Burlington, Ont., was found in shallow water near Dealtown, south of Chatham. Police say results from a post-mortem performed Thursday will not be released pending further investigation.

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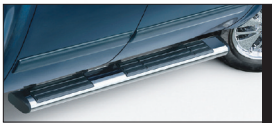

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Mayor attacked at fair

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett is in hospital after he was attacked by a person using a metal pipe as he was leaving the Wisconsin State Fair. The Milwaukee Police Department said in a statement yesterday that Barrett was in stable condition at a local hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

U.S. senator secures man's release

An American man imprisoned for sneaking into the home of detained Myanmar democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi flew out of the country yesterday after a visiting U.S. senator won his release. John Yettaw of Falcon, Missouri, was flown to Bangkok, Thailand, on a military plane with Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia, who secured his freedom Saturday with a plea to Myanmar's ruling military junta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Unidentified people speak near what is believed to be a fragment of one of the fighter jets in the village of Zakharikha, Russia, yesterday.

Russian jets collide

MILITARY Two Russian air force fighters collided yesterday as they rehearsed for an air show near Moscow, killing a pilot and sending one jet crashing into houses below, a military official said.

The Su-27 fighters were members of the elite Russian Knights flying group preparing to perform at the MAKS-2009 air show. The largest exhibition for Russia's aerospace industry opens tomorrow.

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Afghanistan prepares for polls

Observers recommend voting stations not be placed in homes of candidates

After the last election held in Afghanistan, in 2005, a group of independent observers recommended that, in future, polling stations should not be located in candidates' homes.

The recommendation from the Free and Fair Elections Foundation of Afghanistan might prompt a chuckle, but it also serves as a reminder of just where this warring nation's fledgling democracy is at.

On Thursday, Afghans will go to the polls for the third time since the Taliban was toppled from power in 2001, the second time to cast ballots for their president, and the first time in a vote led by Afghans themselves.

"Inshallah," says Muhammad Nadir. God willing.

Nadir, 46, says he will vote and it won't be for President Hamid Karzai.

"There are no jobs and no security," says Nadir, a money exchanger in Kandahar city.

Muhammad Khalid, 31, says he will cast his ballot for Karzai because it's his right, but he may have to muster his courage to do so.

The vote will take place in the worst security situation the country has seen since the Taliban was ousted. The Interior Ministry recently acknowledged that 10 of the country's 360 districts are not under government control, and a third of the 360 districts are considered high-risk areas." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Injured

- An RCMP officer wounded in a suicide bomb attack in Kabul has undergone surgery and is recovering. Mounties say 55-year-old Sgt. Brian Kelly had just exited his vehicle and was on his way into the entrance of the NATO headquarters when the bomber detonated his vehicle just outside the main gate. Kelly had to undergo surgery for shrapnel wounds to his legs. The 29-year RCMP member is based in Ottawa but had just started a nine-month mission in Kabul.

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An Afghan girl listens to the speech of Afghan presidential candidate and current President Hamid Karzai on television during the presidential candidates' live debate in Kabul, Afghanistan yesterday. Afghans will head to the polls on Thursday to elect a new president.

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DIPLOMACY North Korea followed recent conciliatory gestures toward the U.S. and South Korea with a return to threats yesterday, warning them of "merciless retaliation" over sanctions imposed on its government, and nuclear attacks in response to any atomic provocation. Seoul and Washington will kick off annual computer-simulated war games today, which North Korea sees as preparation for an invasion. The U.S. and South Korea say the moves are purely defensive.

INFERNO A fire that tore through a wedding tent outside Kuwait's capital killed 41 women and children in just three minutes, leaving behind shoes melted to the ground and bodies so blackened they were unrecognizable, the fire chief said yesterday. Guests likely crushed one another in a desperate attempt to flee through the only exit, he said.

CABINET Iran's president said yesterday that he will nominate three women to join his new cabinet, a move that could produce the first female ministers in the country in over 30 years. The announcement appears to be an attempt by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to enlist the support of Iranian women. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Cutting down memories

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I have committed an eco-crime. Worse than using household cleaners so toxic they can neutralize a nuclear waste dump because, frankly, anyone who thinks all I need is soda water and elbow grease hasn't seen my bathroom. Worse than standing on my front step in February, pointing a spray can at the ozone layer — by that time of year I start to think of the Greenhouse-Effect as God's little gift to those of us who can't afford a Caribbean cruise.

What I did was this — I am a tree killer.

In my front yard there is … was … an aged cherry tree. Weeks ago the City Works Dept. declared the tree dangerously frail.

Yesterday, workers arrived to cut it down.

"I'm not emotionally prepared," I said.

City Workers: No problem. It's going to take at least 10 minutes to get our equipment ready.

Me: I might need longer.

They eye me warily with that "we're used to dealing with insane members of the public" look perfected by civic workers and retail clerks.

Workers: How long?

Me: Enough time to find some neighbours who will stand around sharing favourite tree-related stories, join in a ritual group tree-hug … then maybe have some barbecue. Is that too much to ask?

Workers: Not at all. So long as you can make it happen in the next 10 minutes.

I don't blame these men. I loved the tree.

But, the things that really matter in life fall into two categories: very reasonable, rational things we care about ourselves, and totally inexplicable irrational things other people care about.

Neighbours now stalk past the house thinking, "Tree killer." I know this because one of them said so.

Neighbour: You cut down your tree.

Me: The city did. It was really old. Over 80. When something's decrepit, you have to get rid of it, right?

Neighbour's mother: I'm 83. Tree killer.

I called my eco-champion friend, Rose.

Me: I'm going to write a book about how I'm not a tree killer. A sweeping saga. "Gone With The Chainsaw."

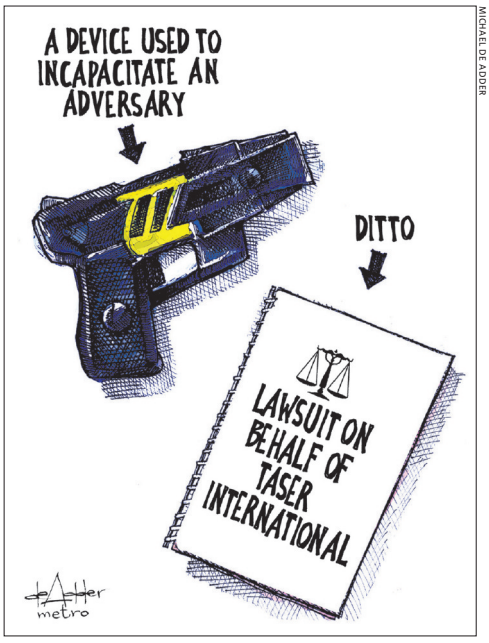
Rose: Using huge wads of paper might not be the best way to prove you care about trees.

In spring, the city will plant a silver oak. I will feed and water it.

I will become known again, I hope, as a tree nurturer. In the meantime, there's something I'll miss far more than my eco-friendly reputation.

I'll miss my cherry tree.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



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Views

GO-ing to fix Union platform problems

InTransit
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GO Transit is getting rid of bottlenecks on the newest platforms at Union Station. Riders using the rail hub's southernmost tracks have experienced heavy crowding ever since trains began stopping there earlier this year. It seems GO thought single doors at each stairwell would be sufficient. Instead customers lined up to squeeze through one at a time — often exposed to rain.

Metro readers said security was increased to make sure no one crossed the tracks for other exits. Last week I asked about the status of the doors, and GO spokeperson Vanessa Thomas confirmed the bottlenecks are being fixed.

She tells In Transit, "GO Transit's decision to install double doors on platforms 26 and 27 will add more width for passengers to access the stairs." Even before the new doors arrive, the busiest portals are being widened.

GO is also encouraging passengers to try alternate exits along Bay and York Streets — exits that are supposedly less crowded. Some riders may be shunning the Bay and York "Teamways" (named for old freight passageways that have been remodelled) in favour of their usual paths to work.

Union Station is undergoing a massive, multi-year expansion — imagine your house being renovated while you're living in it. This means GO and TTC staff had better become adept in helping users find new ways through the rail depot.

This applies to the subway and light rail platforms, which will also be rebuilt.

Major changes are coming and we may have to break years-old habits when rushing for trains. Add in extensive track work across the rail network and GO is going to have to answer a lot of complaints — in a full and timely way.

Margaret Fay of Oakville points out how GO can do a better job informing customers during the mega-rebuild. She writes, "The escalator that should service platforms 4 and 5 has been out of service for 20 months now! The first three to four months were for 'regular maintenance' and then the notices conveniently disappeared and someone said they were replacing the escalator with a stairway! Well — 20 months down the road — we have neither!"

GO does plan to replace escalators at many stations with stairs, for cost and safety reasons it appears. Ms. Thomas reports new entrances from Bay Street are opening soon and platforms 4 and 5 should be fully accessible by late fall. She did not explain the two-year wait.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Worth mentioning

PETA pleads with N.S. fisherman to free lobster

An animal rights group has sent an urgent appeal to a Nova Scotia lobster fisherman thinking of selling a giant lobster, believed to be more than 100 years old.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is asking Beau Gillis to let the old lobster live by allowing a PETA lobster liberator to help release him.

PETA president Ingrid Newkirk says the organization hopes Gillis, who is from Freeport, finds it in his heart to give the old lobster a chance to live out his remaining days in peace.

Newkirk says lobsters are complicated, interesting animals and this one has escaped the pot for a century or more and deserves better.

She says the decent thing to do would be to show a bit of compassion towards the lobster.

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Qatar company to acquire stake in Volkswagen-Porsche combine
Qatar Holding has announced it will acquire a 17 per cent stake in Volkswagen AG, which is merging with Porsche, in a deal that will exceed $10 billion US after the Porsche and Piech families said they will sell a 10 per cent stake to the Gulf company. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Aeroplan lowers target due to slower recovery

RESULTS Groupe Aeroplan Inc. lowered its revenue guidance for 2009 on Friday after weaker second-quarter results pointed to a slower economic recovery particularly among business travellers than previously forecast.

The company, which runs customer-loyalty programs, said its gross billings should decrease by two per cent to four per cent, compared to an expected growth this year.

"The recovery is starting to happen, but it will not happen quickly enough for us to reach the previous guidance we gave out at the end of the first quarter," CEO Rupert Duchesne said in a conference call.

"The recovery is starting to happen, but it will not happen quickly enough for us."
Rupert Duchesne, Groupe Aeroplan CEO

Aeroplan earned $26.7 million or 13 cents per share for the quarter ended June 30, down from year-earlier earnings of $31.5 million or 16 cents per share. Quarterly revenue dipped to $333.5 million from $336.7 million a year ago.

The decline was partially attributed to a drop in revenue from the sale of Aeroplan points, which sagged 5.6 per cent to $337.8 million, as the company was hit by lower consumer spending on its partner credit cards and a dramatic drop of business travellers.

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White-knight suitors checking out firm, Canadian Hydro says

TAKEOVER Potential white-knight bidders checking out Canadian Hydro Developers range from competitors to financial players, the renewable energy firm said Friday, as it continued to dismiss hostile overtures from TransAlta Corp.

A lot of companies have already kicked the tires at Canadian Hydro and several more have expressed interest in looking at the company's books, chief executive Kent Brown told financial analysts. However, TransAlta, a Calgary-based utility that operates coal, natural gas and renewable-fired power plants, has not been part of that group.

"We're open to that if they're interested again," Brown said. TransAlta made a $654 million offer on July 22 that was rebuffed by Canadian Hydro as being "wholly inadequate." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stocks in summer doldrums?

The Toronto stock market could be in for some summer doldrums trading this week after poor U.S. economic data raised questions about how much strength the American consumer can provide to an economic recovery.

70% The U.S. consumer accounts for around 70 per cent of the U.S. economy and 20 per cent of the global economy.

The TSX snapped four straight weeks of gains last week, losing 37 points or 0.35 per cent after a report Thursday showed that U.S. retail sales unexpectedly dropped last month.

"The U.S. … is still important globally (and) the U.S. consumer is still a big player in the global economy," said John Johnston, chief strategist at The Harbour Group, RBC Dominion Securities.

But some analysts aren't all that sure if the strength of the U.S. consumer really matters in terms of keeping the rally on the Toronto market on the rails.

"We should be looking for the rest of the world to boost its consumer spending and I think on that front there was some encouraging news," says Doug Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Capital Markets

Porter said there has been a recent string of strong retail sales and auto sales reports out of China along with the news that France and Germany, Europe's two biggest economies, surprisingly grew in the second quarter of the year as well.

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iPhone China firm talking to Apple

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State-owned China Unicom said Friday it is talking with Apple Inc. about becoming China's first iPhone carrier but denied a report it has reached agreement and would buy 5 million handsets.

Watchdog shuts down U.S. lender

BANK Regulators in the United States on Friday shut down Colonial BancGroup Inc., a big lender in real estate development that buckled under the collapse of the market. It was the biggest U.S. bank to fail this year, with about $25 billion US in assets.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was appointed receiver of Colonial. The agency approved the sale of Colonial's $20 billion in deposits and about $22 billion of its assets to BB&T Corp. The failed bank's 346 branches reopened Saturday as offices of BB&T, the FDIC said.

More than 70 federally insured banks have failed this year amid rising loan defaults spurred by tumbling home prices and rising unemployment. The FDIC also announced Friday the closure of Dwelling House Savings and Loan Association, a small Pittsburgh bank.

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Business in brief

MINING Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. reported a second-quarter loss Friday as the company said an extraordinary session of Mongolian parliament would consider legislative changes to support a revised Oyu Tolgoi investment agreement. The company said the deal, which includes the cancellation of the three-year-old, 68 per cent windfall profits tax on copper and gold, has been endorsed by Mongolia's national security council. The agreement also provides the Mongolian government with a 34 per cent equity interest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Protox reports losses
Biopharmaceutical company Protox Therapeutics Inc. reported a net loss Friday of $1.8 million or two cents a share for the quarter ended June 30, compared with $1.9 million or three cents for the comparable 2008 quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

InterRent closes high on TSX

REAL ESTATE InterRent Real Estate Investment Trust units rose 14 per cent to the highest close in nearly 11 months on Friday on news that a group of unitholders have joined forces to oust the REIT's board of trustees.

InterRent units closed at $2, up 25 cents, on the Toronto Stock Exchange — the highest close for the apartment real-estate trust since late September.

Units
- InterRent said Friday that 41 institutional and individuals had collectively subscribed for all $14 million of additional units being offered.

NorthWest Value Partners Inc. announced it and eight other investment groups representing a majority of InterRent ownership had signed consents for the removal of the InterRent trustees.

Northwest said it believes members of the board have been removed and no longer have the rights, privileges and power of a trustee and are directed to resign any other positions they hold on behalf of the trust.

InterRent said it would "formally respond to these latest actions by NorthWest in due course after consultations with legal counsel" and said it planned to complete a sale of equity after it "successfully defends against the various NorthWest actions, all of which it believes to be without merit." THE CANADIAN PRESS

No longer a panic

Poll shows Canadians are optimistic about economy

Canadians are feeling pretty good about where their economy is headed.

That's the conclusion drawn from a new Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey. The poll suggests six in 10 Canadians think the economy will bounce back at least twice as strongly as it will in the United States.

"We wanted to see: Are Canadians feeling that good about how things are? And what the data told us is, 'Yes, they are,'" said Jeff Walker, Harris-Decima's vice-president.

"They feel like things are really rebounding, that things are turning around, and that based on what they observe about the U.S. that it could be the case that we have twice the level of growth they do this year."

The poll results echo recent projections by Canada's top banker, who has all but declared the recession over and said the economy will begin growing this summer after nine months of stagnation.

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney recently said the summer quarter should produce growth of 1.3 per cent, the first quarterly economic expansion in Canada since last fall.

"We wanted to see: Are Canadians feeling that good about how things are? And what the data told us is, 'Yes, they are.' "
Jeff Walker, Harris-Decima

But the state of the American economy is a roadblock to a solid bounce-back in Canada.

The world's biggest economy's housing market has been battered in recent years, and weak consumer spending and massive government deficits threaten to keep the U.S. on the skids for a while longer.

6 According to a new Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey, six in 10 Canadians think the economy will bounce back at least twice as strongly as it will in the U.S.

That will weaken growth prospects in all of America's trading partners, particularly its largest, Canada.

But the poll suggests most Canadians aren't put off by any of that.

"There's a sense, number one, that there's demand for what we've got, maybe that's greater than demand for what (the) Americans' got," Walker said.

Western Canadians were slightly more optimistic about the economic recovery than those in Atlantic Canada and Quebec, the poll suggests.

Conservative supporters were more confident about the economy's rebound than those who back other political parties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian banks interested in Irish purchase?

EXPANSION Reports that Ireland's second-biggest bank may have attracted a Canadian suitor were greeted with skepticism by some analysts, who questioned whether it would make sense to move into such a mature market.

Both CIBC and Royal Bank were named in reports that pinned them as the interested buyer of a minority stake in Allied Irish Banks, which confirmed it has received interest from an unidentified third party.

Reports say RBC could buy a minority stake in an Irish bank

But AIB said the discussions were "preliminary and are not expected to progress in the near term."

The two Canadian banks said they wouldn't comment on the reports.

Edward Jones analyst Craig Fehr said it's not implausible that a Canadian bank might want to make an investment in an Irish institution. "It's an area where asset values are quite distressed," he said in an interview from St. Louis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

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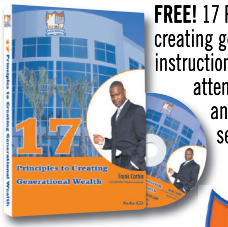

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Humans are often behind odd couplings, such as this "ze-ass" zebra-donkey cross, but "hybrids" can also occur naturally. Cross-breeds with the donkey as the mother are referred to as zonkeys.

Mythology is rife with the fantastic monster, hybrids between fierce creatures that embody the most frightening features of each parent. Think about the sphinx, the centaur, the mermaid, and the pantheon of Egyptian gods. Our fascination with these hybrids did not end with the ancients, just google "hybrids" and you will see the results of some bizarre breeding programs. As interesting are the names "tigon and liger," "pizzly bear" and "zonkey."

This weekend's Toronto Star ran a story about a less startling, but ecologically more important hybrid, the coywolf. Coyotes, wolves, and domesticated dogs can all interbreed freely, but generally do not given differences in social behaviour and opportunity. However, recent eastward expansion of the coyote's range, and fewer "would-be" mates for the wolves due to shrinking populations may have tipped the balance, increasing the likelihood of wolves and coyotes interbreeding.

The resulting offspring, coywolves, have some traits of wolves (large size and pack hunting) and some of coyotes (smaller home range, flexibility in habitat requirements, less wary of humans). This combination is creating a conflict in the rural-suburban areas to the east and north of Toronto, as these new hybrids are bold enough to hunt in packs during the daylight.

In most cases, when two different species interbreed, there is no offspring. When there is an offspring, it usually is at a disadvantage to both parental species. However, every now and then, the result is a hybrid that combines the advantage of both parental species, and may even displace both parental species, essentially becoming a new species in its own right. This may be what we are seeing with the coywolves, evolution in action.

Far more common, and flying under the radar, are hybridizations that occur between plant species or invertebrate animals. Often these hybridizations are with invasive species, new to a habitat.

Often when we write articles about environmental challenges, the subtext is that we as a species are directly to blame. This one is a bit different. Humans do not dictate the behaviours and proclivities of plants and animals. However, we do introduce would-be mates by moving exotic species around the planet (accidentally or intentionally), by altering habitat, and by reducing populations. We do not make the lonely wolf odd enough to mate with a coyote, but we may leave the odd wolf lonely.

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Moose back in the Big Apple

The New York Rangers named Mark Messier special assistant to team president and general manager Glen Sather, the team announced yesterday. Messier played 10 seasons with New York and led the Rangers to a Stanley Cup win in 1994. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Angle arrested

Pro wrestler and Olympic gold medallist Kurt Angle was arrested Saturday by Pittsburgh police for possessing a human growth hormone. The arrest came after Angle's girlfriend told police he was following her in violation of a protection she had against him after a Friday fight. Authorities say Angle said he had a prescription for the drug and denied stalking the woman. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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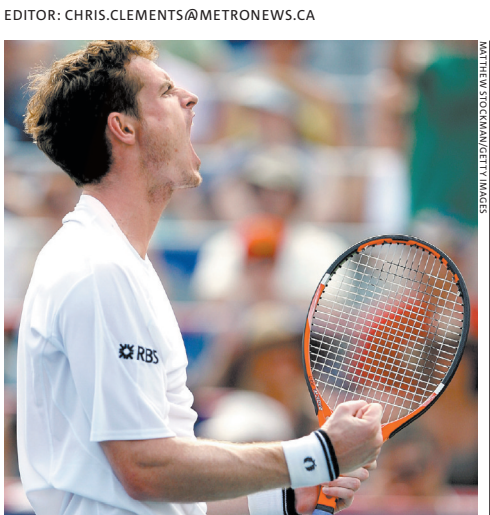

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Andy Murray celebrates beating Juan Martin Del Potro in the final of the Rogers Cup yesterday in Montreal.

Andy Murray wins Rogers Cup, takes No. 2 ranking from Nadal

TENNIS Andy Murray had already reached his primary objective a day earlier, so yesterday's victory at the $3 million-US Rogers Cup was a bonus.

The Scotsman outlasted an exhausted Juan Martin Del Potro to win yesterday's final 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-1, but said what he will remember most of his week in Montreal will be that he climbed to No. 2 in the world rankings for the first time.

"I love winning tournaments, it's great, and every player will tell you the same thing," said Murray.

"But it's tough because I've never been to No. 2 in the world before, so that's new to me. I've won a couple of Masters Series (events) now, and it still feels great. But getting to No. 2, maybe because it's something different it means a little bit more."

The 22-year-old Murray was assured prior to the final of leapfrogging Rafael Nadal into the second spot when the ATP Tour rankings are released today. The victory gave Murray an additional 400 ranking points to get him to 9,250 compared to 11,040 for world No. 1 Roger Federer and 8,665 for Nadal.

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Tiger tamed at PGA

Y.E. Yang becomes first Asian-born player to win a major championship

In a year of spoilers at the majors, Y.E. Yang was the biggest of all.

He toppled the mighty Tiger Woods.

Yang became the first Asian-born player to win a major yesterday with a stunning performance in the PGA Championship, memorable as much for his clutch shots as the player he beat.

Woods was 14-0 when he went into the final round of a major atop the leaderboard. He had not lost any tournament around the world in nine years when leading by two shots.

"I tried to master the art of controlling my emotions throughout the small wins I had in my career." Y.E. Yang

None of that mattered to Yang, a 37-year-old South Korean who hit the shots everyone expected from Woods. Leading by one on the final hole, Yang slayed golf's giant with a hybrid 3-iron that cleared the bunker and settled 12 feet from the cup.

Yang made the birdie putt and shouted with joy as he pumped his fist. That gave him a 2-under 70, and a three-shot victory when Woods missed yet another short par putt and shot 75.

"I tried to master the art of controlling my emotions throughout the small wins I had in my career," Yang said through his agent, Michael Yim. "I think it turned out quite well today."

His victory is massive for Asia, the fastest-growing market in golf. Perhaps even more significant is that the way he stood up to Woods, the world's No. 1 player, whose heritage is half-Asian through his Thai-born mother.

Yang and K.J. Choi are the only PGA Tour players who learned golf in South Korea before coming to America. South Koreans have had far more success on the LPGA Tour, with seven players combining to win 11 majors.

His victory came four days after golf was recommended to become part of the Olympics in 2016.

It was the second time Woods has finished runner-up in the PGA Championship at Hazeltine, both times to a surprise winner. Seven years ago, he birdied the last four holes and came up one short of Rich Beem.

This time, Woods made one mistake after another over the last four holes, mostly with his putter.

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Y.E. Yang, of South Korea, holds up his golf bag yesterday after winning the 91st PGA Championship at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn.

Sports in brief

OLYMPICS The U.S. Olympic Committee postponed plans for its own television network after objections from international Olympic officials. The announcement came a day after the USOC chairman met in Berlin with IOC president Jacques Rogge to discuss the dispute over the U.S. Olympic Network.

BASEBALL The Washington Nationals say the team has made No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg a record-breaking contract offer, but there is a "very real possibility" Strasburg might not sign with the Nationals. The Nationals have until midnight tonight to sign Strasburg, a right-handed pitcher from San Diego State whose fastball has been clocked at 102 m.p.h.

TENNIS Jelena Jankovic knocked off the world No. 1 yesterday. She beat Dinara Safina 6-4, 6-2 to win the Cincinnati Open and put herself back in the conversation about U.S. Open title contenders.

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Hospital releases Kuroda after taking line drive in head

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MLS in running to buy USL

Deal unlikely, but could change face of soccer in North America if completed

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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In what amounts to a Major League Soccer fan's wet dream, the lower-level United Soccer Leagues has been put up for sale and two league sources have confirmed that MLS has inquired into purchasing it.

It's long been debated, hypothesized and drooled over by those who follow the North American game: What would happen if MLS bought USL and created a promotion-relegation system similar to the one that exists in Europe?

It's a question that will have to wait, as I've been told a group of investors have the inside track on buying the USL — and that the deal will 'be coming to a conclusion very soon.'

When contacted Friday, the USL front office offered little information.

"We are a private business and as such it is not our intention to speak publicly to the media at this time," said Tim Holt, executive vice president and COO of the USL.

Holt would not comment on the financial state of the league, but did confirm that the league is still actively seeking expansion markets and that Ottawa is on a list of 15 potential cities.

"It's long been debated ... What would happen if MLS bought USL and created a promotion-relegation system similar to the one that exists in Europe?

"In the short term we are okay with being a second tier in North America. But the league needs to start asking the question: What are we aspiring to be? A very strong, stable second division? Or are we interested in chasing first division?"

Chris Economides, senior director of USL-1, answered one of those questions last week when he told a Cleveland newspaper that only three to six of the league's 11 teams are profitable. Economides also let it slip on Radio-Canada that Nike, the majority owner of USL, had put the team up for sale back in July.

Over the weekend, Vancouver Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi confirmed to me that several groups had expressed interest in the USL, but was cautious not to say much more, as the deal was reaching a critical point in negotiations.

"The USL owners have been in the loop the whole way since Nike put the league up for sale. There are a couple groups that are interested," he said.

Two USL sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed MLS's interest, but both said that it was looking less likely now, as MLS was not interested in the type of numbers Nike had asked for.

Their feeling was unless something dramatic happens, the third group, comprised of private investors, will be announced in the week ahead as the new owners of the USL.

It's a move that will keep MLS — with its stranglehold on the North American market — honest, but one that effectively kills any dreams of promotion-relegation in the near future.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca

Rooney gives Manchester United a winning start

SOCCER Wayne Rooney fired defending champion Manchester United to a 1-0 victory over promoted Birmingham yesterday, while Liverpool slumped to a 2-1 defeat at Tottenham.

The England striker headed a cross from Nani against the post and the ball came back for him to tap into an empty net in the 34th minute at Old Trafford. United is trying to become the first topflight English team to win the league title four seasons in a row.

"We created plenty of chances to win the game and thankfully we came out with the three points," Rooney said. "The first games of the season are always difficult."

Michael Owen came on as a substitute for the last 16 minutes and should have marked his first Premier League appearance for United with a goal in injury time when he broke clear of the Birmingham defence from Rooney's flick-on, but his shot was deflected wide by Birmingham goalkeeper Joe Hart.

"Owen ... will get his goals, no question about that," said United manager Alex Ferguson.

"I know some of our supporters are still worried that I have not bought a megastar to replace Cristiano (Ronaldo)," Ferguson said.

"They can't quite work out how we are going to compensate for all the goals Cristiano used to get for us. But I am more than happy with our squad."

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Manchester United's Wayne Rooney, left, scores on Birmingham City goalkeeper Joe Hart yesterday in Manchester. United beat Birmingham 1-0 to open their season.

Bolt strikes record again

TRACK Usain Bolt saved the celebration for after the finish line this time and showed that, yes, he can keep breaking that world record.

He obliterated it, in fact.

Bolt ran 100 meters in 9.58 seconds yesterday at the world championships, turning his showdown against Tyson Gay into a rout and putting to rest the questions that went unanswered last time he set the record — at his showboating Olympic run of 9.69 seconds.

Yes, he can do better when he goes all out the whole way. Yes, he can break 9.6.

"I got a pretty good start," Bolt said. "I was there at 20 metres and that was it."

"I got a pretty good start. I was there at 20 metres and that was it." Usain Bolt

It was the biggest change in the record since electronic time was introduced in 1968. It came very close to the 9.55-second time that an American professor said Bolt would have run in Beijing had he run all out in the Olympic 100 finals.

Under ideal conditions and facing the toughest competition possible, Bolt blew away his own world record by .11 seconds on the one-year anniversary of the last world record. Gay, meanwhile, set the American record by finishing in 9.71, a time that would have been a world record 12 months and one day ago, but was an afterthought instead.

Asafa Powell of Jamaica took bronze in 9.84.

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Fastball to the head puts Wright on DL

Mets slugger David Wright was released from hospital and put on the disabled list yesterday, one day after he was hit square on the helmet by a 94 mph fastball from San Francisco's Matt Cain. Wright still had a headache and was experiencing "post-concussion symptoms," a team spokesman said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria breaks up a double play by sliding into Toronto shortstop Marco Scutaro yesterday in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rays downed the Blue Jays 5-2.

World showing 'completely acceptable': Van Koeverden

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When Adam van Koeverden doesn't make the international podium, he usually isn't very satisfied.

But after a fifth-place finish in the K-2 500 metres at the world sprint canoe-kayak championships in Dartmouth, N.S., yesterday, the three-time Olympic medallist came to terms with the result as soon as he stepped off the water.

"It's completely acceptable to be fifth in the world today given everything I've gone through," he said.

Two months ago, the 27-year-old from Oakville, Ont., was being airlifted by helicopter out of the Grand Canyon after breaking his ankle on a white-water rafting trip.

"It wasn't the race I dreamed of. But it wasn't the season I dreamed of, either."
Adam van Koeverden

The fact that he had even made the podium at all on the weekend — in the K-1 1,000 on Saturday — was remarkable considering the two weeks he spent on crutches in June.

His time of 1:39.043 in the 500 was about 3.5 seconds off his gold- and silver-medal-winning Olympic finishes.

"It wasn't the race I dreamed of," van Koeverden admitted. "But it wasn't the season I dreamed of, either."

Van Koeverden, who said he is "hungry" to rebound next summer, was one of three Canadian medallists in non-exhibition, non-paddleability events on the weekend.

Winning bronze yesterday were Richard Dober Jr. of Trois-Rivieres, Que., and Andrew Willows of Gananoque, Ont., in the men's K-2 200, and the K-1 women's relay team of Genevieve Orton of Lake Echo, N.S., Karen Furneaux of Waverley, N.S., Kia Byers of Regina, Emilie Fournel of Dorval, Que.

The success of Dober and Willows came in an event that will be added to the Olympic schedule in 2012.

"Rich and I have been on the podium before and it's taken a bit to get back," said Willows, who last won a world championship medal in 2006. "Knowing that that's now an Olympic event, we're pretty stoked and we can build on that."

Germany and Hungary dominated the event, finishing 1-2 in the medal and points standings. Canada finished seventh in the medal standings and third in the points standings.

Zaun's slam lifts Rays over Jays

MLB RESULTS

Toronto 2 Tampa Bay 5

AT RAYS

BASEBALL Gregg Zaun had a pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning, leading the Tampa Bay Rays past the Toronto Blue Jays 5-2 yesterday.

It was Zaun's fifth career grand slam and first since Sept. 6 while with Toronto against the Rays.

Ben Zobrist had a one-out single off Brandon League (1-5) and went to third on Carlos Pena's double. After Willy Aybar was intentionally walked to load the bases and pinch-hitter Gabe Gross struck out during a 10-pitch at-bat, Zaun sent a 3-2 pitch into the right field seats.

League hit the next batter, B.J. Upton, on the first pitch, which prompted plate umpire Jim Joyce to warn both benches. After talking with Joyce, Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston replaced League with Casey Janssen.

Dan Wheeler (4-3) pitched a perfect 1⅓ innings for the win.

Blue Jays rookie left-hander Marc Rzepczynski gave up one run and six hits over six innings. Toronto, which has lost 9 of 12 games this season against Tampa Bay, got a ninth-inning solo homer from Marco Scutaro.

Carl Crawford put the Rays ahead 1-0 on an RBI double during the third. The American League all-star went 7-of-12 with five doubles in the three-game series with the Blue Jays.

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Vick tells 60 Minutes he cried in prison

NFL Michael Vick says he cried in prison because of the guilt he felt about being involved in dogfighting.

In an interview with 60 Minutes that aired last night, Vick said the day he walked into prison he realized "the magnitude of the decisions that I made.

"And, you know, it's no way of, you know, explaining, you know, the hurt and the guilt that I felt. And that was the reason I cried so many nights. And that put it all into perspective," he said.

A three-time Pro Bowl pick during six seasons with the Atlanta Falcons, Vick served 18 months in federal prison for running a dogfighting ring and was reinstated last month by the NFL after being out of action since 2006.

He signed with the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday.

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Sports in brief

FOOTBALL Dallas Cowboys receiver Roy Williams missed the team's second practice yesterday because of a sprained left wrist sustained when he came down hard earlier in the day. The Cowboys said X-rays were negative and that Williams, expected to be the team's No. 1 receiver after the departure of Terrell Owens, is day to day. The Cowboys have one practice session today.

FOOTBALL Houston's Rex Grossman is expected to miss about a month with a hamstring injury and the Texans are looking to sign another quarterback to fill in until he's healthy. Grossman, Houston's third quarterback, was injured in Saturday's win over the Chiefs and coach Gary Kubiak says he doesn't feel comfortable finishing the preseason with only Matt Schaub and backup Dan Orlovsky.

FOOTBALL The San Francisco 49ers waived running back Thomas Clayton yesterday, two days after he sustained a serious knee injury in the fourth quarter of Friday night's 17-16 preseason win over the Denver Broncos. Clayton tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and will be out for the season. 49ers spokesman Bob Lange said Clayton would have surgery. METRO NEWS SERVICES

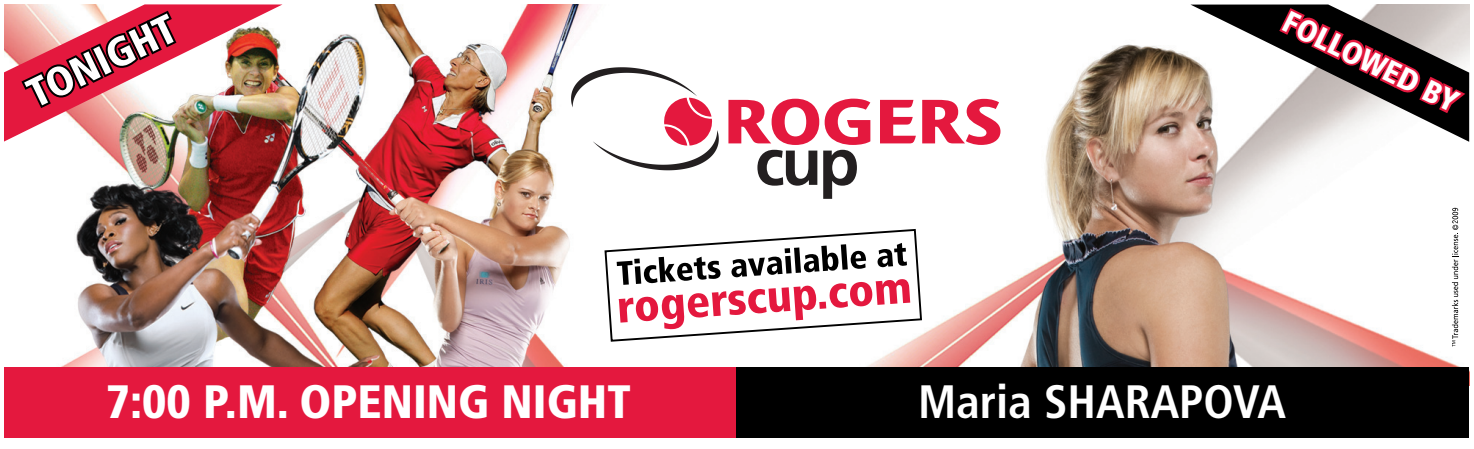
Canuck moves on at women's Rogers Cup

TENNIS Canada's Heidi El Tabakh upset Sania Mirza of India yesterday to advance to the main draw at the women's $2-million US Rogers Cup at Rexall Centre.

El Tabakh of Oakville, Ont., defeated Mirza 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 to advance to her first WTA Tour main draw.

"I'm very satisfied," said El Tabakh, 22. "I did a lot better than I thought I would coming into the tournament. I knew (my opponents) were better ranked than I am so I had nothing to lose and I just went for it." The other remaining Canadian in the qualifying draw, Sharon Fichman of Toronto, fell to Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium 6-3, 6-2.

Main draw action begins today. THE CANADIAN PRESS



India plans 14 new innovation universities:
Starting in 2010, India's Human Resource Development Ministry plans to establish 14 new "innovation universities" with "disciplinary focuses" to advance research and development in health, environment, power plants and other areas. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Financial aid boom in Ont.

After a dismal economic year for young people and scarce summer job opportunities, the Ontario Student Assistance Program has seen an increase in students turning to financial aid to finance their education. A spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities said OSAP applications are up for both universities and colleges. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The deeper the better

OddJobs

Mandy-Rae Cruickshank is a world-record free-diver and also runs training courses in the discipline.

Mandy-Rae Cruickshank grew up wanting to be a marine biologist who worked with great white sharks.

Although Cruickshank, now 35, grew up in landlocked Edmonton, she spent most of her time in the water and became a lifeguard and a competitive synchronized swimmer as a teen.

Then she met a marine biologist and he talked her out of a career that took years of expensive education.

"So I thought I'd be a scuba instructor. That sounds like a good way to stay in the water," says Cruickshank

At 20, she moved to Vancouver and started teaching scuba. She ended up teaching instructors and managing a dive shop.

Then she met her future husband, Kirk Krack, in 2000, and he introduced her to free diving. Eighteen months later she broke her first world record in the sport.

Free diving basically involves going down into the water as far as you can while holding your breath. No tanks, just fins and a mask.

There are nine different competitive disciplines in the sport — they measure either time underwater or distance travelled in either a pool or in the ocean — and Cruickshank holds world records in seven of them.

Krack was already running Performance Freediving when they met. In 2006, the company started getting busy enough for Cruickshank to quit her job and help full-time.

The couple runs four-day courses in free diving to groups all around the world. Sometimes it's just recreational divers, but they've also trained photographers and celebrities such as Tiger Woods and so-called endurance artist David Blaine.

Teaching days are long and physically exhausting. By the end of a course, participants can hold their breath for as long as five minutes underwater, dive as deep as 132 feet and practise good water safety. You can black out while doing these dives and without a buddy in the water you can die.

For the record, she can hold her breath for 6 minutes and 25 seconds.

Even when she's travelling, Cruickshank is constantly on her laptop and BlackBerry, taking care of the business side of the company. "When you're running your own company, you sometimes don't get days off," she says.

Recently, Performance Freediving opened an office in Vancouver, so staff are now helping out with some of the administrative work.

The couple spends every May in the Cayman Islands, training and competing in free diving. That's where Cruickshank has broken her world records.

They also get hired by documentary film crews to help with ocean shoots.

"The best decision I ever made was giving up a desk job to do something I love."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Free diver
Salary: $40,000 a year
Education/training: Most divers are trained in scuba; Performance Freediving has developed its own certification
Best Part of the Job: "Meeting people and seeing them experience it for the first time. Seeing them realize they can do the unthinkable."
Worst Part of the Job: "The constant air travel."

Strangest complaints

EMPLOYEE ODDITIES In the midst of a stressful employment environment, hiring managers took some time to bring a little levity to the workplace. More than 2,600 hiring managers participated in a survey from CareerBuilder, citing examples of the oddest complaints they received from employees. Highlights include:

- Employee is too suntanned.
- Employee has big hair.
- Employee eats all the good cookies.
- Employee is so polite, it's infuriating.
- Employee suspected coworker is a pimp.
- Employee is trying to poison me.
- Employee's body is magnetic and keeps de-activating my magnetic access card.
- Employee is personally responsible for a federally mandated tax increase.
- Co-worker reminded the employee too much of Bambi.
- Employee only wears slippers or socks at work.
- Employee's aura is wrong.
- Employee smells like road ramps.
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Loss, persistence, the life of an MPP

Former Ontario Tory frontrunner Frank Klees talks about life in the political eye

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

A passion for politics motivates Frank Klees to reach for the top.

The 58-year-old MPP for the riding of Newmarket-Aurora, known for his calm and collected demeanour, has championed issues like semi-privatized health care, school choice for parents and foreign-trained doctors applying for jobs. He just recently lost a tight race for the leadership of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party on a platform of opposition to the Harmonized Sales Tax and desire to reform the Ontario Human Rights Commission to curtail its power in policy-making. He lost to Tim Hudak of Niagara West-Glanbrook.

Running for the leadership of the party he loves was a natural step for the West-German born Klees, who has always wanted to effect change in the province and country.

"My reason (for entering politics) was to make a difference and I've found in order to really make fundamental change in our system of government, you need to be at the top. I'm convinced that most people who enter public life do so with that very sincere sense of calling," Klees said.

Klees learned the hard way that politics is not for the faint of heart when he entered his first campaign race in the 1975 Ontario general election.

"The toughest day since I've been in politics was when I lost my first election in 1975. I was 24 years old, I had a passionate commitment, and I actually believed I could win that election — I think I was the only one in the province who did. I will never forget, when the votes were counted that night and I was watching the returns, I felt devastated. I never, ever forgot that feeling," Klees said.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Wanting to effect change in Ontario is the reason Frank Klees is in politics today.

Twenty years later, almost to the day of that first loss, Klees defeated former Liberal leadership candidate Charles Beer to be elected to the Ontario legislature.

Klees says what motivates him most is the encouragement he gets from constituents.

"By the end of the day what you tend to have are the memories of people encouraging you. The fact that you are actually giving people hope in terms of what the future holds — that's invigorating," he said.

Klees has managed to keep his mischievous spirit despite the serious challenges of political life — for April Fools' Day this year he sent out a very official-sounding letter announcing his resignation from the leadership race. The prank shows Klees is not afraid to poke fun at himself, something he says keeps him grounded in the long run.

"You have to have a sense of humour to survive politics and if you don't, all this is a real grind. You have to be able to look at the light side and just take it all in stride," Klees said.

Check tomorrow and Wednesday's Workology sections for feature pieces on both Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and Ontario minister of health with the Liberal government, David Caplan.

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CASTING DIRECTOR Canada had the final vote, but Stephanie Gorin was largely responsible for casting the well-loved Elicia MacKenzie as Maria in Toronto's The Sound of Music.

A casting director for the past two decades, Gorin narrowed down a pool of 2,000 girls to 186 before the debut of CBC's reality television show, How do you Solve a Problem Like Maria?

"It's very exciting when you have something like help from the media to find fresh new faces," she said.

Normally, when casting a show, Gorin doesn't have that kind of back-up, it's all up to her. Open calls like that for Maria are sometimes the best way to find new talent, she said, and it's very rewarding to be able to give someone with little experience the opportunity to be involved in a major production.

It's also rewarding just to watch the show and the talent she's cast succeed, and Gorin has a long history of casting for successful productions, including We Will Rock You, Lord of the Rings, Mama Mia!, The Lion King, Dirty Dancing, Bombay Dreams and many more.

She has also cast for television series The Border, Being Erica, Death Comes to Town, Degrassi, Angel on Campus and the Ron James Show.

Gorin began her career working behind the scenes in theatre and eventually worked her way up to stage manager. She got her big break with Mirvish Productions when she was asked to be the children's casting director for Les Misérables.

"I loved it so I carried on from there," she said.

For anyone interested in following her career path she said it's imperative to have theatre experience, learn how to assess an actor and make sure you have computer training in addition to excellent telephone and organizational skills.

There's a lot of clerical work in the job, she said.

The job also means long and intense hours but they're all made worthwhile when the production wraps.

Gorin is nominated for an Emmy Award for her work as casting director in the miniseries The Tudors.

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Have a keen eye for 'derail'

One resumé mistake can blow your chances at a job, so mind the 'details'

Job seekers take note: One false stroke at the keyboard could send your resumé into the "circular file." Three out of four (76 per cent) executives interviewed said just one or two typos in a resumé would remove applicants from consideration for a job; 40 per cent said it takes only one typo to rule candidates out.

The survey was developed by Accountemps, the world's first and largest staffing services firm specializing in accounting and finance. It was conducted by an independent research firm and is based on interviews with senior executives from 1,000 companies.

Executives were asked, "How many typos in a resumé does it take for you to decide not to consider a job candidate for a position with your company?"

Their responses:
- One 40 per cent
- Two 36 per cent
- Three 14 per cent
- Four-plus 7 per cent
- Don't know/no answer 3 per cent.

"Employers view the resumé as a reflection of the applicant," said Max Messmer, chairman of Accountemps. "If you make errors on your application materials, the assumption is you'll make mistakes on the job."

Unfortunately, typos and other slip-ups are easy to make, and spell-check won't always catch them.

To illustrate the point, following are some real-life errors made in resumés, applications and cover letters.

- "Hope to hear from you, shorty."
- "Have a keen eye for derail."
- "Dear Sir or Madman."
- "I'm attacking my resumé for you to review."
- "I am a rabid typist."
- "My work ethics are impeachable."
- "Nervous of steel."
- "Following is a grief overview of my skills."
- "GPA: 34.0"
- "Graphic designer seeking no-profit career."

Error-free tips

Accountemps offers the following tips for creating error-free resumes:

- **Get help:** Enlist detail-oriented family members, friends or mentors to proofread your resumé and provide honest feedback.
- **Take a timeout:** Before submitting your resumé, take a break and come back to it with a fresh set of eyes. You might catch something you missed the first time.
- **Print a copy:** It's easy to overlook typos or formatting mistakes when reading a resumé on a monitor, so print it out for review. Read through it slowly and pay close attention to font styles and sizes, in addition to spelling and grammar.
- **Try a new perspective:** Sometimes readers inadvertently skip over parts they have read previously. Review your resumé backward to help avoid this problem.
- **Read it aloud:** Your ears might catch errors your eyes have overlooked.

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University of Victoria on road to record enrolment

With a total of 16,647 undergraduate students registered and more than 2,000 graduate students waiting to register, the University of Victoria appears to be well on its way to breaking student enrolment records this fall. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in **brief**

FREDERICTON, N.B. • St. Thomas University in Fredericton, N.B., is in search of a new president after Dr. Michael Higgins announced his intention to resign on Dec. 31, just three years into the job. President since 2006, Higgins says he has been considering the decision for 13 months, and ultimately wants to concentrate on a number of scholarly projects, including a commitment to write two books and a CBC-commissioned documentary series. During his tenure, Higgins coped with a faculty lockout followed by a strike that caused chaos for students. The Board of Governors accepted his resignation with sincere regret, and will work quickly to identify an interim president, as the selection process could likely take 18 months. The student union issued a media release indicating that it is satisfied with the preliminary suggestions for a transition plan.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Invisible interlopers of the visual world

Backstage **Pass**

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

Sometimes the best job has been done when it appears no job has been done at all.

The job of a flame artist in post-production work is to do just that. They make sure when viewers sit in front of their TV's and view different shows, movies, music videos and commercials that whatever they see looks as natural and real as possible.

Anthony Tsav-daris, a Jr. flame artist, says it's his job to take footage shot or created with various elements like green screens and 3-D effects, and make it look like no manipulation has occurred. In one word, the job is called compositing.

"It's sort of a thankless job," he says. "Our job is to make it look like we did nothing at all."

He does special effects for short-form post-production projects like music videos and commercials. Tsav-daris prefers short-form to long-form (like feature films) because of his short attention span. He's responsible for coming up with creative concepts, brainstorming with directors and production companies about how to manipulate footage, or discuss various concept requirements.

These requirements can be anything from whitening teeth, giving hair some extra shine or doing something called "pack replacement." Pack replacement is when a company has updated packaging for its product and needs to work it into a commercial.

What makes it even cooler is that he gets to work on a computer system that costs a half-million dollars, called an Autodesk Flame.

"It's like nothing you've ever seen," he says.

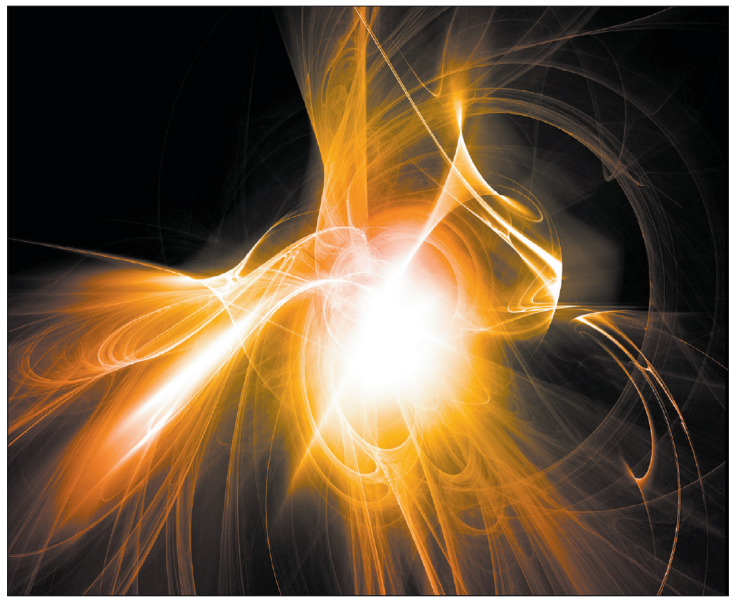
Because every job is different — either because of location or lighting or creative concepts — there is plenty of thought that goes in to each project. Tsav-daris and his colleagues try to give the production company as much guidance as they need, but it's rarely followed. That's where the fun really begins. The greater the challenge in front of him, the more impressive his work is.

"The personal touch is taking it to the next level of being perfect," he says. "But not just perfect to the average person's eyes, but perfect to people who do the same type of work. Compositing is very much about doing work for your peers."

Because post-production work can be so unnoticeable to the average viewer, recognition mainly comes from those within the industry itself.

There are various programs at colleges and universities that offer post-production courses. Tsav-daris attended the University of Windsor. Following school, he did as most people in his field likely do: Worked for free as a production assistant and driver.

This experience gave him the opportunity to make contacts that would eventually land him his job.



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Entertainment

Jackson tribute

Oscar winner A.R. Rahman is reportedly developing an album in memory of entertainment icon Michael Jackson, which will include musicians from all over the world.
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Ledger smelled a rat

Late actor directed gory whaling video for Modest Mouse

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

You'd be forgiven for assuming that the reason behind a late summer Modest Mouse tour is the band's new record. But when asked if the North American tour was planned around the release date of the EP, No One's First, And You're Next, frontman Isaac Brock laughs and says, "No, but good timing, huh?"

Featuring three recent 7-inch singles and a pair of B-sides, the indie rock alumni's latest release is not a load of filler, but a compilation for the non-collectors. "The idea of the EP was that not everybody owns a record player and was going to buy the singles that were released," Brock explains. "This is just a way to put these out so people who don't buy 7-inch records can get them all together. It's music, you don't have to be a format specific person to enjoy it."

So far, the song receiving most attention is King Rat. An unlikely single, the song has become the EP's focal point mostly because of its video — which was directed by the late actor Heath Ledger. A stunningly gory animated short film that turns the tables on the whaling industry, Brock says he only played a small role in its creation. "We kept discussing the idea and refining it, but (Heath) chose the animator. It was his baby. I just kept an eye on it."

SONY MUSIC PHOTO

No One's First, And You're Next, the latest EP from rock act Modest Mouse, includes the song King Rat, which is receiving attention because its video was directed by late actor Heath Ledger.

"We kept discussing the idea and refining it, but (Heath Ledger) chose the animator. It was his baby. I just kept an eye on it."
Isaac Brock

The EP will be the only new material the band will be performing on tour. As far as a sixth album goes, Brock says, "No, there isn't anything. There are a whole bunch of stems for songs. I'm gonna do this tour then come home, sit down and we're gonna really work on that."

Just months ago Modest Mouse wrapped up a two-year trek supporting 2007's We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank. Brock says the point of this new tour is simply to keep the well-oiled machine moving. "We like doing tours, but if we don't do it for too long we get kinda rusty."

The band made Canadians proud by kicking off their month-long tour in Halifax followed by Montreal, Kingston and two Toronto shows. "To be honest, I'm not sitting down with a map and circling s--, it's not anything like that," Brock says in a wry tone. "It's like, 'Let's do this chunk of land and start in Halifax.' We start in Nova Scotia because I've never been and always wanted to go. And the rest just seemed like nice towns on the way."

Modest Mouse live

- Modest Mouse will be in Toronto for a pair of concerts at the Sound Academy on Friday and Saturday.

Weekend box office

Ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studio estimates compiled on Sunday by Hollywood.com Box-Office:

1. **District 9:** $37 million US
2. **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra:** $22.5 million
3. **The Time Traveler's Wife:** $19.2 million
4. **Julie & Julia:** $12.4 million
5. **G-Force:** $6.9 million
6. **The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard:** $5.4 million
7. **Harry Potter:** $5.2 million
8. **The Ugly Truth:** $4.5 million
9. **Ponyo:** $3.5 million
10. **(500) Days of Summer:** $3 million

District 9 is the No. 1 film at the North American box office.

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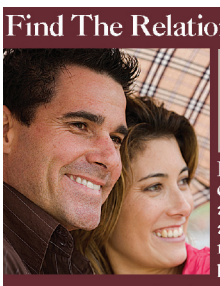
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Ruth Ford dies

Actress Ruth Ford, who starred on Broadway in William Faulkner's Requiem for a Nun, a play he wrote with her in mind, has died. She was 98. Ford died Wednesday at her Manhattan home. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Band singing the border blues

Bands beware. The Dabbagh brothers — a.k.a. Toronto band The MacHams — can tell you that U.S. border authorities are strictly enforcing visa rules, which forced them to cancel an appearance that they thought could have been a huge break: opening for Creed.

The website sonicbids, which posts gigs and tour slots for musicians, recently put up for tender a slot preceding the reunited, multi-platinum band last Tuesday at the Saratoga Springs Performing Arts Centre in New York on Tuesday night. The MacHams jumped at the chance despite the paltry appearance fee of $500.

But LiveNation, the event promoter that selected them, neglected to ensure they had the necessary paperwork — a P1 visa — and the brothers spent more than three hours being interviewed, fingerprinted and having their mug-shots taken before being turned back.

"We were crushed, not being able to play this simple gig that was not even going to cover our gas and hotel. We were not doing this for the money, we were doing it for the experience," said Noel Dabbagh, 27.

In fact, the band spent more than $300 in upfront costs to buy matching outfits and additional equipment, as well as renting a van.

Toronto band the MacHams was turned away by U.S. customs officials at the boarder on way to dream gig opening for Creed.

George Dabbagh, 28, said he did receive an apology from a LiveNation representative.

In the file-sharing era, low-profile bands like The MacHams can't even dream of a big payday from a hit record; earning a loyal, paying following for live shows is the biggest remaining objective. (Record labels have responded by signing artists deals that give the labels a chunk of touring revenue, too.)

George said the band has played to some acclaim at various bars and nightclubs throughout Toronto, but "this was an opportunity to play in front of 10,000-plus people."

Greg Bennett, spokesperson for the U.S. Customs Service, said Live-Nation should have known that getting a P1 visa to perform in the U.S. can take several weeks or even months to process.

Canadian performers can download an application for a visa through the service's website, file it along with the appropriate fees and then wait for it to be approved, he said.

Bennett said well-established bands have agents in the U.S. who routinely file paperwork on their behalf but he noted newer Canuck performers have had the same disappointing experience in the past.

The band of brothers, which also includes youngest sibling, J.P., 22, has been performing since 2003 and has recently started to get serious about taking their act on the road. They're in the process of producing their first CD, slated for release in October.

But George worried the recent border experience might prove problematic in the future.

"Now it's like we've been flagged. Every time they check our passports, it'll be, 'Oh, I see that you were prohibited last time,'" he said.

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Arrest warrant for Brown

An arrest warrant has been issued for singer Bobby Brown for failing to pay child support. The Boston Herald reports Massachusetts judge Christine Harms on Friday ordered the 40-year-old Grammy winner arrested next time he sets foot in the state. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Legend's evolution

R&B singer keeps politics out of performances

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

John Legend might be in the midst of a North American tour, but playing music isn't the only thing on his mind right now. "People are saying some dastardly things about Barack Obama," says the smooth singing pianist on the phone from his New York home. "It's scary to hear some of the rhetoric."

It was just a few months ago that Legend was performing at Obama's pre-inauguration festivities in Washington, where he told a reporter that "it was great to see millions of people in unity, hopeful and optimistic about the future." Today, though, he's worried.

"It feels like there's an extremist element in America that's been awakened," he says. "Part of it is the economy, part of it is a black president and some in the States are concerned that the America they knew is slipping away from them.

"It sounds like they're truly afraid of him," he adds. "But his actual policies don't line-up with what they think he is up to."

Talking politics is nothing new for the Grammy award winner. He was a big Obama supporter during the 2008 presidential campaign, even opening last year's Democratic National Convention.

But, despite his activism and support for the current U.S. administration, he won't be delivering any politically themed messages during his show at Casino Rama in Orillia tomorrow.

SONY MUSIC PHOTO

R&B singer John Legend is currently touring North America in support of his most recent album, Evolver.

John Legend performs at Casino Rama tomorrow

"I don't do a lot of preaching from the stage," he reveals, adding he does use his Twitter account to keep fans abreast of important issues.

"I like to keep things universal and focus on the music. People come to get away from problems at a show so I don't want to be to heavy."

What fans will likely hear at the gig is tunes off Evolver, Legend's most recent album. The disc is a departure from the artist's soft neo-soul sounds — it's more upbeat with electronica flourishes, heavy synth and even some reggae vibes.

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John Legend

This different musical path partly came from a desire to try something new, but Legend also wanted to make his live show more engaging.

"Part of the reason I started going in this direction was because I wanted to add some variety to my show," he says.

"I wanted to add an urgency to it, so the music is perfect for the live experience, because it adds a lot of depth and energy."

However, don't expect a raucous rock show — Legend says the performance is still as intimate as ever. Especially in big arenas, like Madison Square Garden, which he performed at for the first time on August 13.

"It's a lot of fun doing the big venues because the intensity of the crowd is so powerful," he explains.

"But we figured out a way musically — the way I connect with the audience — to make it feel intimate. We just break it down and keep it simple."

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Canadian director Ron Mann will be releasing his documentary, Know Your Mushrooms, on conventional DVD, as well as in a special digital package which will store the film on a USB flash drive.

Director has fun with fungi, and flash drive

Ron Mann is making it dangerously easy for file traders to download his latest documentary, Know Your Mushrooms, for free, but the Canadian director says he's simply embracing technology.

The documentary, which hit theatres earlier this year, is described as a look into the "miraculous, near-secret" world of mushrooms and the subculture of fungi fanatics, including chefs, foodies, foragers, musicians and artists.

The film will come out on DVD in a few weeks, but before that, a "special edition" will be released that eschews the traditional disc format and instead offers the documentary on a mushroom-themed four-gigabyte USB flash drive.

Due out Sept. 1, the package will feature a wood box containing some dried Alaska morel mushrooms (said to be hand-picked by the movie's star), a booklet with an essay about the doc, and the flash drive.

The regular DVD can be pre-ordered for $24.95, while the special set is priced at $59.95 and its first run of 300 units is nearly sold out. A second run has been ordered, Mann says.

But is the director worried that the movie will be quickly uploaded online Sept. 1 and that file trading will eat into his conventional DVD sales?

Not at all.

"People are afraid of having their film released in a file format because it can be file-shared, but the truth is you can get a program (to do the same thing with DVDs) and you're BitTorrenting anyway (in minutes). There's really no difference," he said.

"And we can actually benefit from this kind of a thing. A lot of (this experiment) is about looking at the new digital economy and seeing that ... there's a way to reach a lot more people." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

High tech

- The digital copy of the film can be viewed on a PC or Mac, on iPods, and on AppleTV digital media receivers. Mann also said he encourages people to copy the file onto a computer and then use the USB drive for whatever else they'd like.

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Music producer Dickinson dies

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Anger over star's ordeal

Bollywood actor 'humiliated' by U.S. airport officials

Angry fans burned a U.S. flag in protest Sunday, a Cabinet minister suggested searching visiting Americans and an actress tweeted her outrage after Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan said he was detained for questioning at a U.S. airport.

Though U.S. immigration officials denied he was formally held, fellow Indian film stars and political leaders condemned what they called "humiliating" treatment given to Khan, a Muslim, who is well-loved in a largely Hindu country. One cabinet minister suggested a "tit-for-tat" policy toward Americans travelling to India.

Angry fans in the northern city of Allahabad shouted anti-U.S. slogans and burned an American flag.

Khan said he was detained Friday by U.S. immigration officials at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey because his name came up on a computer alert list.

The actor is in the U.S. to promote a new film, My Name is Khan, which is about racial profiling of Muslims after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The story was front-page news in India, where the ability to avoid being frisked at airports is seen as a status symbol. Politicians, sports celebrities and film stars often claim VIP status to avoid security checks.

"My name is Khan? Too bad. SRK (Shah Rukh Khan) feels the heat of American paranoia," said The Times of India, quoting Khan as saying he felt "angry and humiliated."

Khan later downplayed the incident. "I think it's a procedure that needs to be followed, but an unfortunate procedure," he told reporters Saturday in suburban Chicago.

"Shocking, disturbing n downright disgraceful. It's such behaviour that fuels hatred and racism. (Shah Rukh Khan's) a world figure for God's sake. Get real!"
Actress Priyanka Chopra on Twitter

U.S. customs officials told The Associated Press that Khan was questioned as part of a routine process that took 66 minutes. Spokesman Elmer Camacho said Khan was not detained, "but it took a little longer because his bag was lost by the airline."

"Shocking, disturbing n downright disgraceful. It's such behaviour that fuels hatred and racism. SRK's a world figure for God's sake. Get real!" actress Priyanka Chopra said on her Twitter feed.

The federal information minister, Ambika Soni, angrily suggested that India adopt a similar policy toward Americans travelling to India.

In the Indian capital, New Delhi, a small group of photo-waving fans shouted slogans in support of Khan.

The U.S. ambassador, Timothy J. Roemer, on Saturday said the U.S. Embassy was trying to "ascertain the facts of the case — to understand what took place."

Khan, 44, has acted in more than 70 films, and has consistently topped popularity rankings in India for the past several years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's fans hold his posters yesterday, shout anti-American slogans and burn the American flag during a protest in Allahabad, India.

ROMAN VONDROUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Madonna performs in Prague last Thursday, two days before her concert in Warsaw which fell a day before her 51st birthday.

Polish birthday bash for Madge

Polish fans joined together in song to wish Madonna a happy birthday at a concert in Warsaw Saturday evening — just hours before she turned 51.

In a break between two songs, a fan held up a sign wishing her a happy birthday and audience members sang, "may you live a hundred years," a traditional Polish birthday song.

"I feel your love!" Madonna told the crowd of tens of thousands gathered on a large green field for the latest stop in her Sticky & Sweet tour.

Many of the fans near the stage also held up paper hearts. One said: "Adopt Me."

Her stop in Warsaw fell not only a day before her birthday, but also on Aug. 15, the Roman Catholic holiday celebrating the heavenly assumption of the Virgin Mary — timing that angered some Catholics.

Several people who objected to Madonna held up banners outside the concert venue, and a Catholic group tried to spearhead protests in past weeks hoping to force the Material Girl to change the date of the concert. It failed, however, to win support from the official church or the public. Though Poland, homeland of the late Pope John Paul, is mainly Catholic, young urban Poles have overwhelmingly embraced pop culture and mores.

During the concert, Madonna also paid tribute to Michael Jackson, who died in June.

A Jackson impersonator did the King of Pop's signature moonwalk dance move while wearing a sequined jacket, white T-shirt, white glove and white socks.

"Let's give it up for one of the greatest artists the world has ever known," Madonna shouted, then segued into a performance of her old hit Holiday.

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Woodstock's 40th a low-key affair

CONCERT An event to mark the 40th anniversary of Woodstock, the 1969 musical festival that became an iconic symbol of the 1960s, attracted 15,000 people, CBC News Online reports. The 1969 concert at Max Yasgur's farm in upstate New York drew more than 400,000 people. This particular gathering though, was a fraction of the 30th commemoration back in 1999 in Rome, N.Y., which was marked by violence, torching of trucks and reports of rape. Conor Oberst and Country Joe McDonald were among the performers.

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Pernice writes novel and issues CD with it

MUSIC Joe Pernice, esteemed for his ability to craft perfect, hooky, bittersweet pop tunes, has just published his debut novel, It Feels So Good When I Stop.

The veteran musician turned rookie novelist sets his story in the famed Massachusetts resort community of Cape Cod, but most of the book was written on a laptop at I Deal Coffee on Ossington Ave.

Starting in July of 2007, Pernice sat a table in I Deal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily for seven months and wrote.

Joe Pernice

The narrative, set in the mid-'90s, is littered with references to songs from the period and older classics. Pernice has recorded a companion solo CD of cover tunes, including Todd Rundgren's Hello it's Me and Del Shannon's I'm Your Puppet, rendered in the performer's characteristically low-key, bittersweet style. He is promoting the novel with a reading/singing tour that includes a Sept. 24 date at the Dakota Tavern.

"Initially, I wanted to leave music out of the book because I wanted to be judged – whether positively or negatively – as a guy who is writing a book, not as a musician who is taking a whimsical crack at this. But music is too important to me. I couldn't avoid it."

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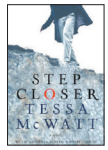
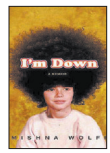
Step delves into disasters



Step **Closer**

Author: Tessa McWatt
Publisher: Harper Collins
Price: $32.99 (Hardcover)

THE INDIAN Ocean tsunami of 2004 acts as a fitting backdrop to Tessa McWatt's latest offering, Step Closer. As the disaster plays out, Emily, a Canadian living with her partner Sam in Spain, begins to dissect a tumultuous event that unfolded five years ago, between friends Gavin and Marcus. Emily soon realizes the incident was far more pent-up than she thought. In their youth, Gavin and Marcus were involved in an exploit ending in jail time for one and freedom for the other. While Emily keeps tabs on her friends' relationship, she easily forgets her own with Sam, whose ensuing unhappiness only creates another division.

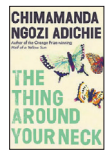


I'm **Down**

Author: Mishna Wolff
Publisher: St. Martin's Press
Price: $30.50 (Hardcover)

Book**Picks**

JOHN "WOLFY" Wolff only wanted his daughter Mishna to be one thing: "down." What, exactly, that constituted was a point of confusion for the little girl, growing up white in a largely black south Seattle neighbourhood. Although her father was also white, he denied it, showing off his perceived race with stereotypical gold chains and by attending black Baptist churches. In I'm Down, Mishna Wolff humourously recalls her divided upbringing, detailing being the only white girl at a black school and later the girl who was "too black" to fit into the rich white school.



The Things Around **Your Neck**

Author: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Publisher: Knopf Canada
Price: $29.95 (Hardcover)

THE THIRD release by Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction, takes shape in a selection of short stories on relations between genders, ages and nations. The title story finds the expectations of a Nigerian girl when she moves to the United States are just wishful thinking. In Cell One a student inmate in a Nigerian prison stands up for an aged man harassed by officers. A Philadelphia mother must re-examine her life in Imitation, when she discovers the Lagos dwelling she shares with her husband is now home to his mistress.

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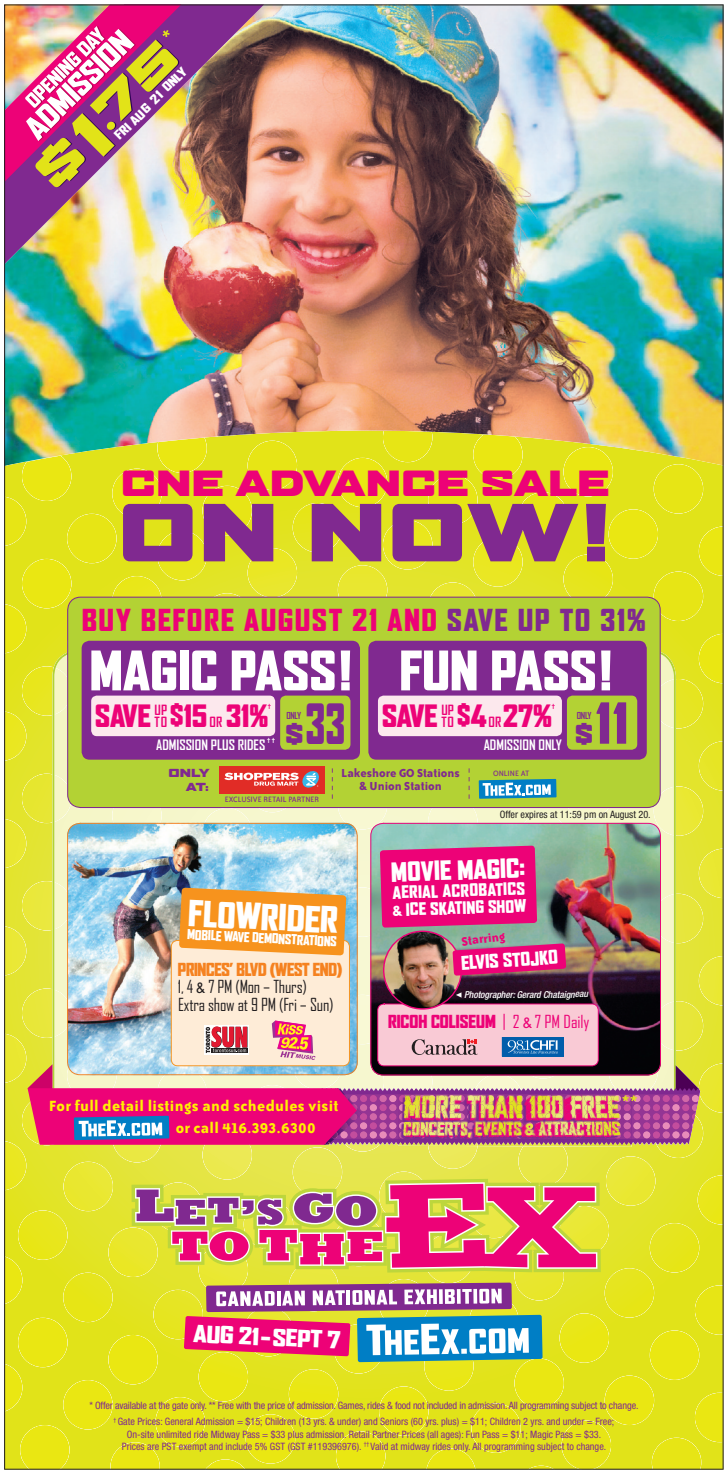

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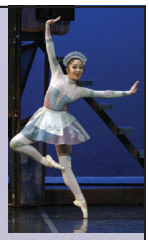

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Channels changing game

Specialty TV broadens its appeal to audiences

It's not easy being special.

At least not for several Canadian specialty TV channels that find themselves in the midst of an identity shift these days.

Changes afoot include a broader, more female-oriented outlook for the horror movie channel Scream, which will be renamed Dusk in September when it tones down its slash-and-gore fare, and dialled-down luxe for The Fine Living channel, which will soon be replaced by the more modest DIY Network. Meanwhile, the religious VisionTV has its eyes on courting a less dogmatic — and even atheist — crowd as it prepares to join Moses Znaimer's ZoomerMedia Ltd. Observers point to an ever-widening array of competition, an increasingly fractured audience and a brutal economy as making it tough for some niche channels to break through and find audiences.

"At the outset there was a ton of (specialty channels) that were licensed and were put out there and some of them garnered some audience and some of them didn't," notes advertising executive Fred Forster, president of PHD Canada.

"Those that had too small a niche audience can't get any advertising and can't get any subscriptions. People are shifting gears and saying, 'How do I find a niche that can generate more?'"

For VisionTV, that means expanding the multifaith channel's outlook to reflect society's changing cultural and religious makeup. Programming executive Mark Prasuhn says upcoming shows this fall and winter will include debates on creationism and Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, exposes on celebrity spirituality and a panel discussion including noted atheist Richard Dawkins.

The new direction, which Prasuhn says he initiated when he joined the company about two-and-a-half years ago, includes a call for original scripted programming to anchor a primetime lineup dominated by vintage British comedies and reruns of Murder She Wrote and Quantum Leap.

"Three prospective series are heading into development and one will be chosen to air in fall 2010, he says.

Over on the horror channel Scream, a redesigned schedule will shift the focus from a targeted audience of 55 per cent male to 55 per cent female, says marketing vice-president Jim Johnson.

"We see what's happening in the industry with respect to movie franchises like Twilight, and we're a 50 per cent owner in HBO Canada and we see the success of shows like, True Blood, so we know that there is a broad appeal for those types of movies and series and we're looking to leverage that," says Johnson, referring to two vampire-themed properties that have resonated strongly with female viewers. "It seems to be a good fit, especially with (parent company) Corus, because we do have a strong ownership of the female audiences in Canada through our women's group," he adds, referring to Scream's sister channels, W, Viva and Cosmo.

Forster said Corus is smart to focus on developing its female audience, noting that advertisers rarely market products specifically towards men. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Female-friendly

- As of Sept. 9, those that tune in to Dusk can expect to see films that rely less on slash-and-gore and lean more towards supernatural, suspense and thrillers. Marketing vice-president Jim Johnson promises bigger Hollywood premieres and greater star power with more female-friendly mysteries like The Black Dahlia, Along Came a Spider, The Skeleton Key, and The Gift.

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critics' corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie
There can't be that many qualified imams wandering around a town the size of Mercy, can there? Nevertheless, when Amaar (Zaib Shaikh) decides to come back from Toronto and resume his service at the mosque, he finds out he can't just pick up where he left off; he needs to reapply for the position. Carlo Rota, Sheila McCarthy and Sitara Hewitt also star in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Mercy." 8 PM on CBC

Great American Road Trip
The competition intensifies seriously as the three remaining families travel to California and try to secure a spot in the final two, after the long ride on this amazing journey from Chicago to California along the fabled Route 66. Comic Reno Collier is host. 8 PM on NBC

Hoarders
Like its sister A&E shows "Intervention" and "Obsessed," this new series delves into the lives of troubled people and tries to get them help. In this case, it's people who fill their homes with stuff and can't throw anything out. The premiere introduces Jennifer and Ron, whose house is so cluttered they're afraid their children will be taken away, and Jill, who has four refrigerators and two freezers stuffed with decaying food. 10 PM on A&E

Chima evicted from Big Brother

REALITY TV Chima Simone is no longer in the Big Brother house.

CBS said producers removed the 33-year-old freelance journalist from the voyeuristic reality series for breaking the show's rules. The network also said Simone will not be part of the jury that selects the $500,000 grand prize winner.

"Chima has been evicted by the producers from the Big Brother house for violating the rules," CBS said in a statement released Saturday. "She will not be part of the show's jury. Her eviction will be addressed on an upcoming broadcast of the show."

A CBS spokeswoman did not immediately return messages seeking further comment. Seven contestants remain on Big Brother 11. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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Kendra to carry on family name

Kendra Wilkinson and Hank Baskett have picked a name for their son, who is due Christmas Day: Hank Baskett IV. Wilkinson explained: "Hank's dad and his grandfather were both named Hank, so it was very important to us to carry on the family tradition." PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Multiple drugs complicate MJ case?

COMPLICATIONS For authorities investigating Michael Jackson's death, more could end up meaning less, people.com reports.

If the entertainer's autopsy report reveals other potent drugs besides the powerful anesthesia Propofol, as has been widely reported, prosecutors will have a more difficult time building a manslaughter case against Jackson's private physician, experts say.

In short: More drugs, potentially less criminal responsibility for Dr. Conrad Murray.

"You have to show that the doctor knew about all of these other doctors prescribing these other drugs," said one Los Angeles deputy district attorney who prosecutes doctors. "It's a classic problem."

Murray, who reportedly admitted to police that he administered the anesthetic, has not been charged. Search warrants served to Murray indicate he's the target of a manslaughter investigation.

Although many anesthesiologists say it's negligent and unusual for a doctor to administer Propofol in a home without proper monitoring, legal experts say that fact alone might not be enough to prosecute Murray for more than an administrative-code infraction if it can't be proven that the Propofol alone was what killed him.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Jackson's toxicology report revealed a few drugs, such as the anti-depressant Xanax, in addition to Propofol. Legal experts say this helps explain why, seven weeks after Jackson's death, no charges have been filed and authorities are keeping mum.

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Miley's bro vs. Jonas Bros?

OVERPROTECTIVE Don't look for Miley Cyrus's big brother Trace to join a boy band anytime soon, people.com reports.

"I'm not trying to clean my image to make anyone happy," the pierced and tattooed singer/guitarist for the rock group Metro Station told Details. "I could have gone the route of the Jonas Brothers. Those guys can't live their lives freely. They have to put out this image that's totally fake."

Cyrus, 20, says he could take them all in a fight, though he'd back off on his sister's ex-boyfriend Nick.

"I don't think any of them would be much trouble," said Cyrus. "I'd never lay a hand on Nick — I love that kid — but the other two better not get in my way."

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Mary J. joins Idol judging panel

NEW ADDITION Mary J. Blige will meet up with American Idol in Atlanta for show auditions, people.com reports. On Friday, the show wrapped up auditions in Boston, where Victoria Beckham has been filling Paula Abdul's spot.

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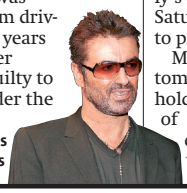
George arrested after car accident

UH-OH Police arrested singer George Michael on suspicion of driving under the influence, but he was released without charges after a car accident near London Friday, people.com reports.

Michael was banned from driving for two years in 2007 after pleading guilty to driving under the influence.



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Jon and Kate in babysitter dispute

OVERREACTING? Jon Gosselin is speaking out about an incident that had his estranged wife Kate calling the cops and crying on Thursday, calling it a "miscommunication," people.com reports.

On Thursday, police were called to the family's Wernersville, Pa., home after Kate showed up with concerns over the babysitter caring for her children. But she was denied access to the property because of her custody agreement.

"She tried to 'cry it up' with the cops and it didn't work," Jon said. "They said, 'You have to leave.'" According to the reality star, police called the incident a "civil matter." Kate then left on her own accord. Jon says he called a babysitter, Stephanie Santoro, to watch the children because he had to "get things done."

Kate, apparently, wasn't thrilled with the babysitter he hired. "I have no idea (why she was unhappy). I guess (because) she didn't have approval. I didn't come home when she had custody and make a big stink. We're good judges of taking care of our kids and when we need babysitters, we need babysitters."

Kate Gosselin had no comment on the matter.

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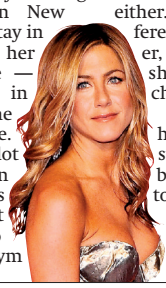
Jen a real workout-aholic

DEDICATION Jennifer Aniston works out at 3 a.m. every day, female-first.co.uk reports.

The 40-year-old actress, who is currently filming The Bounty in New York, wants to stay in shape despite her hectic schedule — so she gets up in the middle of the night to exercise.



"There are a lot of early starts on set, so she has had to get up at 3 a.m. to get two hours in the gym before filming at 5 a.m. She is supposed to be playing a 35-year-old, and is concerned she won't look the part now that she's 40.

"It isn't just for this part, either. Every time she is offered the role of a mother, she turns it down — she wants the young characters."

Aniston even flew her personal yoga instructor Mandy Ingber from Los Angeles to New York so she can have private sessions.

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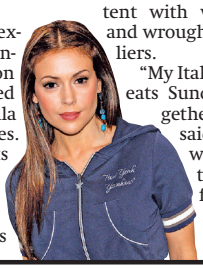
Rustic wedding bells for Alyssa

HAPPILY EVER AFTER With nature and family as themes, actress Alyssa Milano wed Hollywood agent David Bugliari at his family's estate in New Jersey on Saturday, her rep confirms to people.com.

Milano, wearing a custom Vera Wang gown and holding a bouquet of lilies of the valley, walked down an aisle strewn with cream-coloured rose petals and grass to the tune of John Lennon's Imagine.



The couple exchanged vows under a wrought-iron gazebo decorated with willow, calla lilies and roses. Among the guests was actor Bradley Cooper, a friend of the groom's.

Dinner was served family style on rustic farmhouse tables in a tent with wood flooring and wrought iron chandeliers.

"My Italian family still eats Sunday dinner together every week," said Milano. "We wanted to capture the same feeling."

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Brad: 'I was a marijuana artist'

STONER Brad Pitt played a pot smoker in 1993's True Romance and admits life imitated art for him, usmagazine.com reports.

"I certainly had my day," Pitt, 45, told HBO's Bill Maher Friday after the talk show host called the actor's role "one of the best stoner performances."

Maher also recounted a New Year's Eve party at which he says he witnessed Pitt rolling "the most perfect" joints he had ever seen. Pitt's response? "I'm an artist."

But Pitt admits he kicked the habit for the six kids he has with partner Angelina Jolie: "You want to be alert and my eyes used to glaze over when I did that."

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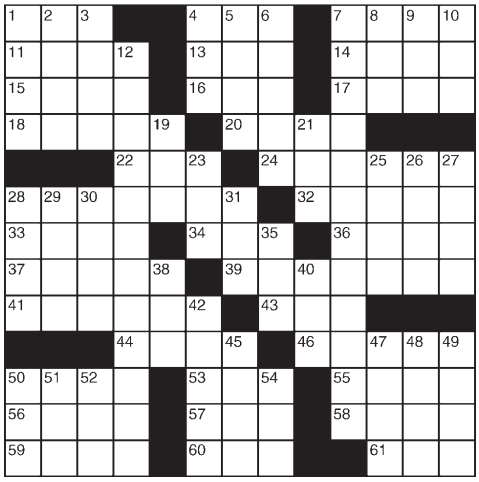

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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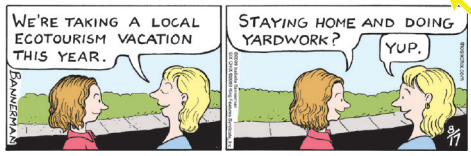

Metro Recipe of the Day

Three-Cheese Potato Soufflé

INGREDIENTS:

4 cups (1 l) mashed potatoes (without added milk and butter)
1 cup (250 ml) skim milk
1 cup (250 ml) shredded cheddar cheese
2/3 cup (150 ml) shredded Swiss cheese
1/3 cup (75 ml) shredded Parmesan cheese
1/3 cup (75 ml) chopped scallions
1 small onion, chopped
1 1/4 tsp (6 ml) salt
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
4 eggs, separated

METHOD:

1. In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, milk, cheeses, onions, salt and pepper. Beat egg yolks; stir into potato mixture.
2. In a small mixing bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form; gently fold into potato mixture.
3. Transfer to a 2-qt. (2-l) soufflé dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake, uncovered, at 375 F (190 C) for 40-45 minutes or until golden. Serve immediately.

SERVES 12

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You're no stranger to hard work and as of today you'll begin to enjoy the fruit of your labour. You'll also find it easier to work with difficult people.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You'll experience one of those "Eureka!" moments today. Out of nowhere you'll see the pattern that you have somehow missed these past few weeks.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may have found it hard to confide in people recently but the cosmic picture is changing and you can explain to others what's worrying you and why.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Even if you can usually turn on the charm you may have found it hard recently to communicate feelings — but no more. Say what's on your mind today.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You owe someone a favour and if you go out of your way to make good on it today you'll discharge your debt and they may even end up owing you.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You can now see things as they are. If you have been deceiving yourself as to the true nature of your situation the scales will fall from your eyes today.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have been in the dark of late but as of today you will understand what has been going on and why you were kept out of the loop.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
It may have been hard to explain why you believe certain apparently illogical things, but as of today you'll find ways to rationalize your beliefs.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You have held back from letting certain people know what you think of them. Now you can tell them in no uncertain terms what your feelings are.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You rarely leave anything to chance and the cosmic setup means you'll know with absolute certainty that what you are doing is right and ethical.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you are having second thoughts about a deal, you can still back out of it — now. After today you'll be expected to uphold your end of the pact.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't worry if it's been hard to get through to loved ones recently. Today's cosmic setup will help you find the words to unlock the emotional impasse.

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